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DOMAZOS FOR HELLAS?

DOMAZOS

South Melbourne Hellas has started moves to bring Greek international Mimi Domazos here for guest games.

Domazos, formerly of Panathinaikos, was captain of the Greek national team.

Hellas is believed to have offered the famous midfielder big money to turn out in the Hellas colours.

This follows Fitzroy Alexander's signing of another Greek international, **Dimitri Papaiannou** *of AEK.*

Papaiannou is tentatively scheduled to arrive in Melbourne on June 20 to play guest games with Alexander

Meanwhile, Sydney's Greek club, Sydney Olympic, has signed Britain's most successful goalscorer, Billy Pirie of Dundee.

Pirie, formerly of Aberdeen, has scored 42 goals in the Scottish second division this season.

He will play for Olympic for three months, from the start of May till the end of July.

Domazos and Papaiannou both played in Melbourne last year — Domazos as a guest with touring Greek team Atromitos and Papaiannou as a guest with Fitzroy-Alexander.

Billy Pirie

Sam Belfonte

Les Shorrock

We had best coverage of night series

"Soccer Action" has won the Victorian Soccer Federation award for the best English language coverage of the Victorian Ampol Cup.

The award was shared by writer Les Shorrock and photographer Sam Belfonte who both receive $75.

The award for best coverage in a language other than English was also shared.

The joint winners are Tony Vrzina of the Croatian paper Hrvatski List and the sports writers of Il Globo, the Italian newspaper.

Fitzroy Alexander faces a stiff test on Sunday when it meets West Adelaide Hellas in Adelaide.

Certainly Alexander's strikers, including bearded George Gillan, will have to be in top form. Gillon is pictured above heading home one of the goals in Alexander's 2-0 win over Moorooibark, rising high above Geoff Ontong.

At left is Mike Pye, star of the 2-2 draw between Hellas and J.U.S.T. Hellas meets Brisbane City in Melbourne on Saturday and J.U.S.T. meets Moorooibark at Box Hill on Sunday.

Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

Cup games in Hong Kong?

Australia's next World Cup commitment will be ironed out at a conference in Hong Kong on May 1 and 2.

As winner of the Oceania zone, Australia has now advanced to the Asian Zone finals.

ASF secretary **Brian le Fevre,** has confirmed that intervention by both Australia and Iran had headed off a rush proposal to hold a meeting of the countries involved in Hong Kong on April 21.

Iran, Kuwait, South Korea, Hong Kong and Australia have to play off by the end of November for one place in the World Cup finals to be played in Argentina in 1978.

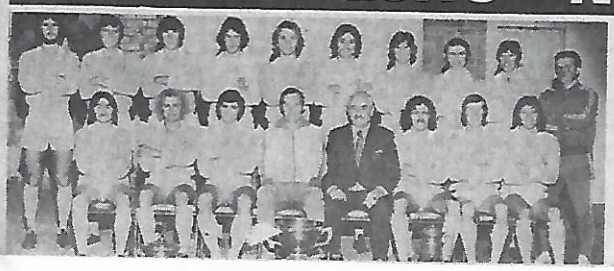
President **Sir Arthur George** and secretary Le Fevre will represent Australia.

"Australia has no objections in principle to a home and away series" Mr Le Fevre said.

"However, discussions so far indicate a marked preference for a series in one country, and we would lend our support to an application by Hong Kong.

"At the same time, our coach, **Jim Shoulder,** would prefer to play home and away."

MACKAY QUITS - NOW KENNEDY SEEKS MOVE



Jimmy Mackay of South Melbourne Hellas, one of the greatest players in Australian soccer history, retired last week.

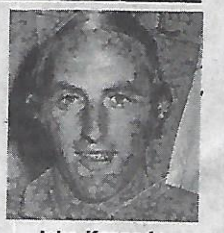
And a few days later experienced goalkeeper **John Kennedy** announced he too was leaving Hellas.

Kennedy is looking for a new club. The former Ringwood City, Alexander and APIA keeper can be contacted on 89-8739 or 82-6014.

Jimmy Mackay was a star with Croatia, Hakoah-Easts, Hellas, Australia and Victoria during his 11 years in Australian soccer.

He's pictured at left with Hakoah's 1974 champion team, standing from left: Barnes, Marnoch, Watkiss, Coe, Byrne, Madaschi, Porter, Fletcher, Mowbray; front: Watson, Muniz, Morrow, Maclaren (coach), Lederer (vice-president), Fletcher, Mackay, Rutherford.

● **Tributes to Mackay from leading soccer personalities appear on page 3.**



John Kennedy

Australia v. Arsenal in Melb.

Fixtures for the international tournament in Sydney and Melbourne in July were finalised last week. They are:

Glasgow Celtic v. Red Star Belgrade at Sydney Sports Ground, July 27.

Australia v. Arsenal, in Melbourne at venue to be decided, July 27.

Final between the two winners in Melbourne at venue to be decided, July 31.

Play-off for third place at Sydney Sports Ground, July 31.

Melbourne venues under consideration include Olympic Park and the Melbourne Showgrounds.

Disco dance

Mooroolbark United will have a fancy dress disco dance on Saturday, May 14 at Pembroke high school hall, Cambridge Road, Mooroolbark.

Tickets are available at the club rooms Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights or contact Ray Sanders 736 2132 or Jill Lord 726 0049.

THIS WEEK

This weekend's national league matches, with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

IN MELBOURNE: STH. MELB. HELLAS v. Brisbane City at Middle Park, 3 p.m. (TV match).

IN SYDNEY: ST. GEORGE v. Adelaide City Juventus at Sydney Sports Ground, 3 p.m. (TV match).

IN CANBERRA: Canberra City v. WESTERN SUBURBS at Manuka Oval, Canberra 2.30 p.m. (televised in Canberra).

SUNDAY

IN SYDNEY: HAKOAH-EASTS v. Marconi, Wentworth Park, 3p.m.

IN MELBOURNE: Mooroolbark v. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. at Wembley Park, Canterbury Road, Box Hill, 3 p.m.

IN ADELAIDE: West Adelaide Hellas v. Fitzroy Alexander (draw) at Hindmarsh Stadium, 3 p.m.

IN BRISBANE: Brisbane Lions v. SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Perry Park, 3 p.m.

STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
West. Suburbs	3	0	0	9	0	6
Adel. Juventus	2	1	0	6	0	5
Hakoah-Easts	2	1	0	7	4	5
West Adel. Hellas	2	0	1	7	2	4
Sth. Melb. Hellas	1	2	0	5	3	4
Marconi	2	0	1	4	5	4
Fitzroy Alex.	1	1	1	4	4	3
St. George	1	1	1	4	5	3
Footscray J.U.S.T.	0	2	1	5	6	2
Canberra	1	0	2	2	5	2
Brisbane City	0	1	2	2	4	1
Brisbane Lions	0	1	2	0	4	1
Syd. Olympic	0	1	2	1	7	1
Mooroolbark	0	1	2	1	8	1

JAT YUGOSLAV AIRLINES

Player of the Year award

This year, as last, Yugoslav Airlines will give a return trip to Europe for two, this time for the best player in the national league.

All players will receive votes out of 10 every week and the winner will be the player with the highest AVERAGE, providing he has played at least 20 games.

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This week's votes

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 W. ADEL. HELLAS 4 (Kosmina 2, McGregor, Honeyman' at Wentworth Park, Crowd 6217
Ratings by Tom Anderson:

SYDNEY OLYMPIC, Gary Meier 7, Bernie Cullerton 6, Greg Lynch 6, George Gibson 8, Billy Palmer 5, Joe Senkalski 5, Greg Allan 5 (Malone 5) Mike Cross 5, Don Allan 5, Ray Botham 5, Brian Parker 5, (C. Thamnides 8)

WEST ADELAIDE: Martyn Crook 7, Barrie Reynolds 8, Steve Amos 7, David Jones 8, Lucky Veganios 7, Gordon McCulloch 7, Dave Pillans 7 (De Lyster 6) Neil McGachey 7, Ian McGregor 8, John Kosmina 8, Graham Honeyman 8,

MARCONI 3 (Campbell, Williams o.g., Byrne pen.)
ST. GEORGE 1 (R. O'Shea) at Sydney Sports Ground, crowd, 3500.
Ratings by Tom Anderson

MARCONI: Alan Maher 8, S. Robertson 7, P. Degney 6, J. Russell 8, (sub Selvage 6) I. Prekalo 7, R. Richards 8, J. Rooney 9, G. Byrne 7, E. Campbell 7, P. Sharne 6, A. Mariani 6,

ST GEORGE: M. Coe 5, G. Harris 7, H.Williams 7, R. O'Shea 6, P. Coton 7, J. O'Shea 6, R. Gnavi 6, B. Grosse 6, M. Jankovics 5 (Aitken 6) N. Morgan 5, P. O'Connor 5 (Hensman 5).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Palinkas 16th., Kazi 69th) STH MELB HELLAS 2 (Gibson 54th, French 87th.)
Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

J.U.S.T.: Boland 6, Milne 7, Parrott 6, Kriaris 6, Kondarios 6, Kazi 8, Picioane 8, Ilioski 6, Palinkas 7, Rujevic 5, (Smith 70th) Ristovski 5.

HELLAS: Reilly 8, Pye 8, Xanthopoulos 6, Kalafatidis 6, Dosen 6, Hagegmanouil 6, Daperis 4, Gibson 6, Cummings (injured, sub Alexiou 5, 4th min.), French 6, Ollerton 7.

BRISBANE CITY 0 HAKOAH 0 at Perry Park, Crowd 6322.
Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

CITY - Osvaldo Borzi 6, Ian Rathmell 5, Jim Hermiston 6, Peter Tokesi 7, John Lavelle 5, Larry Gaffney 6, Frank Pimblett 6, Roberto Echeverria 6, (sub Karl Herdle), John Coyne 4, (sub Kevin Caldwell), Ian Johnson 5, Willie Conner 7.

HAKOAH - Todd Clarke 6, Kevin Mullen 6, Henry Mowbray 6, Stephen O'Connor 6, Alec Robertson 6, Agenor Muniz 5, Bernie Lutton 7, John Stevenson 5, Joe Watson 6, (Murray Barnes), Terry Smith 6, Hilton Silva 6,.

WESTS 3 (Perry, Wilson, Harding) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Sydney Sports Ground, Crowd; 1037
Ratings by Bill Bailey;

WESTS: T. Eaton 7, C Curran 7, S. Perry 7, Bob Noble 7, P. Wilson 9, P. Stone 8, D. Harding 8, K. Lindsay 7, P. Lowrey 7, G. Norris 7. C. Eaton 6.

BRISBANE LIONS: R. McKenzie 7, (Dando 8), L. Wilson 6, G. Potter 6, C. Bennett 8, A. Nevin 6, I. Fagan 6, P. Laszlo 6, J. Neale 6, A. Hughes 5, (Koroknai 5), G. Walker 5, I. Park 5.

MOOROOLBARK 0 FITZROY ALEXANDER 2 (Gillan 34th., Cole 52nd.) at Middle Park, crowd 1500.
Ratings by Laurie Schwab;

MOOROOLBARK: Wilding 6, Bailey 5, Pongho 6, Ellis 6, G. Ontong 7, Sinclair 5, Tront 6, Irwin 5, Boczjuk 6, (Priestley 75th), Clarey 6, McGregor 5, (P. Ontong 58th).

ALEXANDER: Blasby 6, Nelson 5, Glykokalamos 7, Provan 5, Tansey 6, Taylor 7, O'Reilly 6, Bannon 7, Cole 6, Gillan 7, Buljevic 8 (injured, sub. Bozikas 6 half time'.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Perin, Nyskohus) CANBERRA 0 at Olympic Sports Field, crowd: 7000.
Ratings by Meno Toutsidis.

JUVENTUS: Romanowicz 7, Frazer 5, Yung 7, Matic 7, Lister 7, Melta 5, (Pope 61st), Leane 5, (Russo 75th), Perin 7, Northcote 6, Nyskohus 9, Marocchi 7.

CANBERRA: Haynes 6, Moulis 6, Brown 7, Henderson 6, Boskov 6, Hogg 6, Gruicic 7, Stoddart 6, Black 6, Salgado 6, (Willett 65th). Kawaleva 8.

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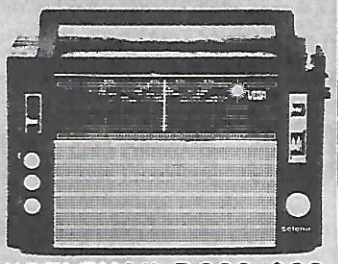

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3. Webb J (GC)
2. McConville (GC)
1. Maitland (GC)

Sunshine v Slavia
3. Clarke (SI)
2. Pocock (Sun)
1. Train (SI)

Polonia v Juventus
3. Della Rocca (J)
2. Jaworski (P)
1. Watkins (J)

Hakoah v Green Gully
3. Groenwald (H)
2. Jordanou (H)
1. Nagy (H)

Ringwood v Frankston
3. Irvine (F)
2. Adams (R)
1. Lewis (F)

Preston v Altona
3. Ignatides (A)
2. McAleer (P)
1. van der Poel (A)

Rothmans $250 for best goalie

The best goalkeeper of the Victorian State League will once again receive $250 from Rothmans.

The winner will be the goalkeeper who has appeared most often in the **"Soccer Action"** Team of the Week, chosen on the outstanding individual performances of each round.

Last year the award was shared by **Peter Laumets** of Preston Makedonia and **Dennis Boland** of Footscray J.U.S.T.

Our first goalkeeper of the week this year is Peter Clarke of Slavia.

LEADERS, SCORERS

Players with the highest averages after three rounds:

8.3 votes: Nyskohus (Ad. Juv).

8 votes: Russell (Marc., played one game), Dando (Lions, played one game), Wilson (Wests), McGregor (WA Hellas).

7.6 votes: C. Eaton (Wests), Jones (WA-Hellas), Honeyman (WA-Hellas), Pye (SM-Hellas) Milne (JUST), Buljevic (Alex.).

7.5 votes: Connors (Bris C.).

7.3 votes: Norris (Wests), Reilly (SM-Hellas), Ollerton (SM-Hellas), Gibson (Olympic), Lister (Ad. Juv), Perin (Ad. Juv), Kazi (JUST), Mowbray (Hak),, Lutton (Hak).

Top Scorers:

3. Nyskohus (Ad. Juv), Harding (Wests), Kosmina (WA-Hellas).
2. Ollerton (SM-Hellas), Lutton (Hak), Smith (Hak), Ristovski (JUST), Honeyman (WA-Hellas).

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SO LONG, JIMMY !

It's the end of a glorious career

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Jimmy Mackay took a couple of dozen cans to South Melbourne Hellas' training last Friday night, to "say goodbye to the boys".

He had announced his retirement from football the day before.

From now on he will be a spectator, as he was at the Hellas v. J.U.S.T. game at Olympic Park last Sunday.

"I just want to relax," he said. "It was a hard decision to finally make the break but I had been thinking about it for some time. In fact, I was going to retire six weeks ago but they talked me out of it."

Asked whether he would now turn to coaching, Mackay said: "Not for a long time; not until I know a little about it."

He said he may take his seven-year-old son, Malcolm, to the Brighton club to play in the under-eights. "He's really keen," said the proud dad.

Mackay, who played for Airdrie in Scotland, arrived in Australia at the end of 1965 and joined the Croatia club where he played until it was expelled from the VSF in 1972.

He then moved to Sydney where he played for two years with Kakoah-Easts.

Mackay, together with **Jack Reilly, Peter Wilson** and **Sandy Irvine,** made his national team debut in the Vietnam tournament of 1969.

He went on to play 53 matches for Australia, including 31 full internationals — among them the World Cup finals.

As everyone knows, it was Jimmy Mackay who put Australia into those finals by scoring the goal that gave us a 1-0 victory over South Korea in the final qualifying match.

Mackay doesn't know how many times he's played for Victoria but our records put the figure at about 25 or 26.

TOP LEFT: Jimmy Mackay (left), captain of Hellas, accepts a 1976 championship medal from Victorian Immigration Minister Walter Jona, and VSF secretary George Wallace.

TOP LEFT LOWER: Foiled! Mooroolbark goalkeeper Lou Ivanoff snatches the ball to his chest and Mackay concedes.

TOP RIGHT: The Australian team that beat Greece 3-1 in Athens in 1970, standing from left: Alston, Wilson, Reilly, Richards, Curran; front: Schaefer, Blues, Warren, Roche, Vojtek, Mackay.

MIDDLE LEFT: Mackay as the distinctive No.10 of Croatia.

MIDDLE ROW CENTRE: In action for Victoria against South Australia.

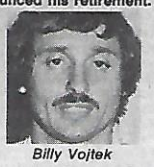
MIDDLE ROW RIGHT: The all-time great is pursued by an up-and-coming champion, Zoran Ilioski of J.U.S.T., as Jim Kondaries (right) watches the action.

BOTTOM LEFT: The team that played in Australia's first World Cup finals match, against East Germany in Hamburg, 1974, from left: Rooney, Curran, Schaefer, Mackay, Richards, Warren, Utjesenovic, Alston, Buljevic, Reilly, Wilson.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Mackay the goalscorer — here George Cross' keeper Lou Kastner is the victim.

'He deserves a soccer ball of solid gold, studded with diamonds'

Tributes came from some of Australia's best-known soccer people after Mackay had announced his retirement.



Billy Vojtek

Billy Vojtek, who played with Mackay at Croatia and in the national and Victorian teams, said:

"He is a great loss to the game. Jimmy Mackay is a very colorful personality and a great player who always produced his best in the most difficult games. He was definitely a big-time player.

"While we were both with Croatia from 1966 to 1972, we won everything there was to be won — three Ampol Cups, an Australian Ampol Cup, a State League championship, a top four competition, three Dockerty Cups.

"We played together in the Victorian team that beat Cardiff City and in the Australian team that beat Greece, Israel and Iran in 1970.

"And we were also team mates when Australia won the Vietnam tournament in 1969.

"Without doubt, Jimmy Mackay is one of the all-time greats."

Rale Rasic

Rale Rasic, who coached Mackay in the national and Victorian teams, said:

"I think he could easily play another year or two but I suppose Jimmy himself is the best judge.

"As far as I'm concerned, since Mackay retired the national team has not achieved real midfield superiority in any of its matches.

"Mackay was the general who directed the pace. He was excellent both in attack as well as defence.

"He was one of the best, if not **THE** best readers of the game that I have dealt with and he was a giant in big matches.

"I'll never forget Australia's 3-1 win over Greece in Athens. Not only did Mackay mark **Domazos** out of the game, but he also scored our second goal.

"Against Israel in Tel Aviv in 1970, he marked **Mordechai Spiegler** out of the game, yet still managed to be the complete midfield general as well.

"Mackay was certainly one of the most imaginative midfielders ever to have played in Australia and one of the best footballers I've seen here.

"Having already lost **Peter Bourne, Jim Armstrong** and **Steve Walker,** I wonder whether Hellas can recover from the blow of losing Mackay as well.

"He was a football freak, that's the best way to describe him.

"The goal he scored against South Korea to put Australia in the 1974 World Cup finals still stands as the most memorable goal scored in Australian soccer.

"A more important goal will never be scored, unless we happen to win a World Cup final one day.

"Mackay should be presented with a soccer ball of solid gold, studded with diamonds and inscribed with silver lettering," Rasic said.

"Nothing less would do for this great champion — probably the best midfield player Australia has had.

"He must not be allowed to fade from the scene without official recognition, the way we lost **Johnny Warren, Manfred Schaefer** and **Ray Baartz.**"

Archie Campbell

Mooroolbark's coach **Archie Campbell,** a former Victorian and George Cross star, said: "Jimmy's wasting his time retiring. I'll have him at Mooroolbark.

"We'll fly him to the ground every weekend if it's too far for him."

Cedo Cirkovic

J.U.S.T. coach **Cedo Cirkovic** who played against Mackay over a period of about six years, agreed that Mackay had retired prematurely.

"I thought he would play at least another two years," Cirkovic said.

"He was all class. He was the key man at Croatia and then Hellas. When he played well, his team played well. I wish him good luck."

Jim Adam

Jim Adam, coach of Alexander and former staf of Hellas, said: "Great players like Mackay never retire. They have short rests before returning to meet the challenge. His next challenge may be that of coaching. We can't afford to lose a man like Jimmy.

"I remember coaching him at Croatia. Back in 1967 I had to call in a group of players to tell them off for not having the right attitude. Mackay was one of them and we dropped him for a week so he'd pull up his socks.

Manny Poulakakis

"Since then, I doubt that there's been a player who has contributed more to Australian soccer, especially at international level."

Hellas coach **Manny Poulakakis** said: "It takes a very intelligent and very mature player to recognise when he should stop.

"By retiring at the right time, Mackay has ensured that his fine reputation will live on forever.

"Certainly, he has had few peers in Australian soccer.

"He was a much more cultured player than most and he always set a fine example to others, especially youngsters.

Sam Papasavas

"He was also a great captain."

Hellas president **Sam Papasavas** said: "I wish Jimmy nothing but the best and we are all very sorry that he decided to call it a day.

"He told me six weeks ago that he wanted to retire but he didn't make it final until last week.

"All I can say is that it will be a long time until we see another Jim Mackay."

Overseas scores

GERMANY

Eintracht Braunschweig 2, VFL Bochum 0; Tennis Borussia Berlin 2, Hertha BSC Berlin 0; 1. FC Koeln 5, MSV Duisburg 2; Hamburger SV 2, Karlsruher SC 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 7, Werder Bremen 1; Schalke 04 1, Borussia Moenchengladbach 0; 1. FC Saarbruecken 6, Bayern Munich 1; Rot-Weiss Essen 3, 1. FC Kaiserslautern 2, Fortuna Duesseldorf 3, Borussia Dortmund 2.

HOLLAND

Eindhoven 1, FC Twente Enschede 1; Utrecht 1, VVV Venlo 1; Telstar Velsen 0, Nac Breda 0; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1, Ajax Amsterdam 0; Feyenoord Rotterdam 1, Sparta Rotterdam 1; Amsterdam 1, FC Den Haag 1; Roda JC Kerkrade 2, PSV Eindhoven 0; NEC . . . . Nieuen 1, Haarlem 2; De Graafschap Doetinchem 0, Az '67 Alkmaar 0.

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'Ethnic' or Australian – it depends on your sport

The "Sydney Morning Herald's" Point of View column by "Moros", headed "PSL is not the answer" was a disappointment to most soccer supporters and I believe the ASF should have answered the criticism

RALE RASIC

The writer of the column — who, by the way, didn't have the courage to identify himself by name — said soccer should quit trying overtake the two more popular football codes, Rugby League and Aussie Rules.

He added that Australians did not "give a hoot" about soccer and why should they when clubs persist in calling themselves by "ethnic" names.

The standard and presentation of soccer were failing miserably and the "enormous problems" faced by the sport included poor attendances like the crowd of less than 1000 which watched Wests beat Mooroolbark 5-0 in the opening PSL round.

What's more, said "Moros", Australian soccer has not capitalised on the success achieved in reaching the 1974 World Cup finals.

His well-worn differentiation between "Australians" and "ethnic names" indicates the narrow-mindedness and bigotry which soccer has had to contend with for so long.

May I point out to the mysterious "Moros" that the people who came to Australia from overseas contributed as much to Rugby League and Australian Rules as they did to soccer.

Aussie Rules stars **Jesaulenko, Kekovich, Barassi, Ditterich, Silvagni** and now **Mihocek** (whom I coached, incidentally, when he was playing junior soccer) all had their origins in Europe.

Rugby League stars **Crilich** and **Peponis** originated in Europe too.

Europeans contributed greatly to Rugby League and Aussie Rules as spectators. Those who came here at a time when their first choice, soccer, was not played at all on a worthwhile level, turned to Rugby and Rules and became strong supporters.

In other words, it seems that Europeans are good enough to be accepted to Rugby and Rules but that it irks "Australians" to be associated with something with an "ethnic" name.

That, at least, seems to be the belief of Mr. Moros.

I don't really think that ethnic names are turning away crowds. Rather, these crowds are being turned away because of the influence of writers like Moros who are in a position to popularise their own bigotry through the Press.

If what he writes is true, then surely Jack Mihocek should be called a wog and sent back to Footscray, and Dr. Peponis should be bundled back to Greece.

Certainly no Australian in the Moros mould would ever take an overseas trip, lest he be subjected to the company of all those "ethnics" who seem to be so prevalent in European countries.

Moros advises soccer to stop trying to overtake Rugby and Rules.

Doesn't he know that soccer people have no interest whatsoever in "overtaking" the other codes ? Doesn't he realise that soccer people believe there is plenty of room for our children to participate in any sport of their choice ?

Unfortunately, people like Moros would probably be too inflexible to concede that variety and competition are both healthy things. When the Moros attitude is inflicted on impressionable children it often results in those children playing no sport at all and that is a crying shame.

I accept the fact that Soccer's publicity and promotion have not been up to scratch but isn't that partly due to attitudes like that of Moros in the daily Press?

May I also put to you, the readers, that both cricket and rugby were pretty much in the doldrums two or three years ago, before the administrators woke up and started promoting those sports.

The promotions went as far as creating "sex symbols" like Jeff Thomson and Dennis Lillee. Was this what the public wanted to read or was it intended by the media to sell the game of cricket?

Would the majority of the media do the same for soccer? I don't think so.

In running down soccer and the national league, Moros took a completely one-sided, negative attitude. He did not devote a few positive words to balance the argument, an art he must surely have learned during his cadetship.

Let's ask whether soccer has progressed at all during the past decade or so. The answer of course, is yes.

When I came to Australia to play soccer back in 1963, players had no shower facilities at the ground, there were no match payments and you even had to wash your own gear.

Today's players are well paid, have good facilities at the grounds and in most cases their gear is looked after by the clubs.

Marconi owns 32 acres of property and a licensed club house with a great future.

The Hakoah club, the pride of Bondi, looks like something you'd expect to see only in Las Vegas. It cost millions.

Western Suburbs, APIA, St George and others have also established profitable social clubs and the foresight shown by these clubs has now resulted in the national league, backed at league and club level for more than a million dollars over three years. Even Moros must concede that we are talking about progress.

Yet Moros chose to put his own personal hex on the national league after only one round. A strange man, this fellow.

May I also be permitted to ask which Rugby League team has richer sponsorship than Marconi, Brisbane City, J.U.S.T. or Adelaide City Juventus?

I agree that we did not capitalise in our World Cup success and it's a failure that we're paying for.

However, it's a failure which, hopefully, will act as a lesson and it won't be repeated after we reach the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.

The 1974 World Cup gave about 800 million people throughout the world the opportunity to see the green and gold of Australia competing against the world's best.

And there's no denying that between 1972 and 1977 only two Australian sports achieved real success on a truly international level.

Those two sports are soccer and hockey which, incidentally, is another sport struggling for recognition here at home.

Soccer achieved glory in the 1974 World Cup despite the fact that we failed to win a match in the finals, and hockey stood tall in the Olympic Games.

Australia as a whole was not successful at those Olympics. In fact the Prime Minister was prompted to say during those Games that it was more important to participate than to win.

Let's have another looks at Moros' claim that Rugby League and Aussie Rules will rule supreme over soccer indefinitely.

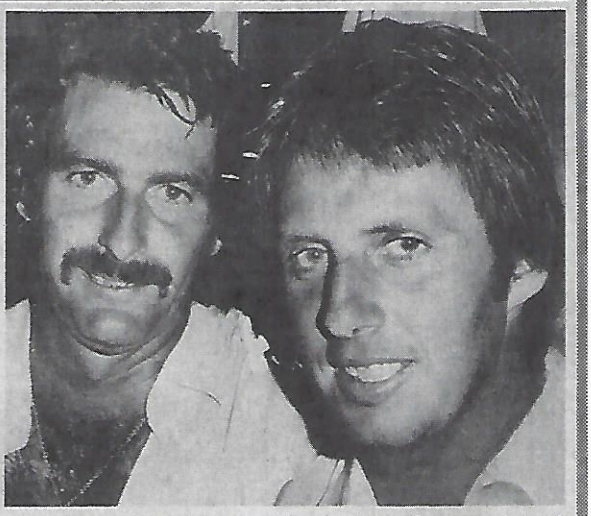
Let them rule, I say, but didn't Moros read that in the first national league round, the match between Olympic and South Melbourne Hellas drew 5,800 people while the Rugby League match of the day between Newtown and Parramatta drew only 5,100?

Moros also chooses to compare our soccer with English soccer, so why doesn't he also compare Rugby League with Gridiron in the States?

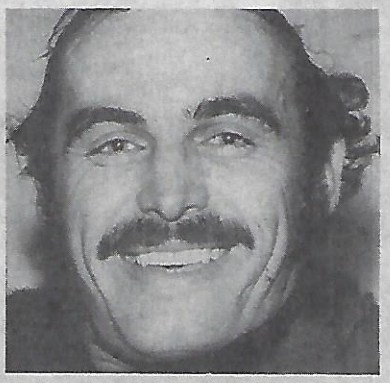
Rugby would fare badly in such a comparison because the U.S. is the "big daddy" of sports promotions and, in fact, most of the promotions used here were copied from the U.S. in the first place.

No-one in soccer claims that we have come up with the ultimate in the national league. There is a long way to go before we achieve the standard of play and the spectator support we would like to see.

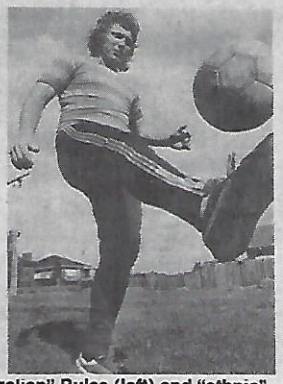
However, people like Moros should note that there are now more than 400,000 juniors and seniors playing soccer throughout Australia and that to continually knock the sport just does not make sense.



To help pull cricket out of the doldrums the press helped create "sex symbols" Dennis Lillee (left) and Jeff Thomson. Would the daily press do the same for soccer?



Alex Jesaulenko (above) and Sergio Silvagni (below) — Aussie Rules stars with European origins.



Jack Mihocek — playing "Australian" Rules (left) and "ethnic" soccer (right). He was with Footscray J.U.S.T., now he's with rules club Essendon.

We'd welcome Newcastle

Northern NSW has started a campaign to have a team accepted to the national league as soon as possible.

The Northerners are sick and tired of seeing Newcastle's best players leaving to play for Sydney clubs and I sympathise with them.

Newcastle has long been renowned as possibly the most successful producer of top-class soccer talent.

Some of the champions to have come out of Newcastle are **Ray Baartz, Col Curran, Joe Senkalski, Ray Lloyd, Dennis Yeager, Dennis Wright, John Doyle** and **Don Smith.**

I hope Newcastle is in the national league next year. It wouldn't take the Northerners long to become a force at top level.

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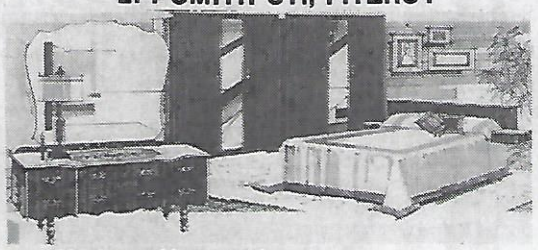

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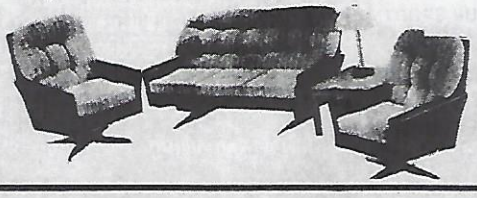

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Tokesi, Hermiston hold Hakoah

By BRUCE WADDELL

Brisbane City assured itself of earning the respect of southern national league clubs after drawing nil-all with competition leader Hakoah-Easts at Perry Park.

The biggest Brisbane home crowd to date — 6,030 — witnessed one of the most action-packed and tension filled matches played here for some time.

Apart from merely keeping Hakoah scoreless — a big enough task in view of the club's seven goals in the first two rounds — City created enough chances to win the match.

Luck in those first two rounds had eluded City, but this time it was a little with City in the first half, with Hakoah midfielder **John Stevenson** missing at least three acceptable chances.

City keeper **Osvaldo Borzi** smothered a shot from Stevenson in the fifth minute.

Brisb. C. 0, Hakoah 0.

Two minutes later, Stevenson bombed a sitter when **Joe Watson's** pass had split **Jim Hermiston** and **Peter Tokesi,** but **Stevenson** sliced his shot wide with Borzi helpless.

Late in the half, City's **Ian Johnston** took too long to set himself up following a perfect pass from the back, but a sluggish **John Coyne's** half-hit shot the elusive ball-playing **Willie Connor** and his shot was negated by back-peddling Hakoah defenders.

Robert Echeverria — played for City after being transferred from St. George.

Hakoah left winger **Hilton Silva** was the first of three players to get the yellow card from referee **Dave Nugent,** tripping Hermiston in retaliation for a heavy but fair tackle.

Easts fullback Kevin Mullen was booked for dragging down city replacement **Kevin Cladwell** and Johnston received City's only caution when he did the same to **Bertie Lutton.**

It was a typical professional foul, with the dangerous Lutton heading unchallenged towards Borzi in the last few minutes.

Todd Clarke's reflexes cost City the lead four minutes after half-time when he nudged a left foot shot from City's skipper **Ian Rathmell** over the bar.

But City's best chance cropped up 10 minutes later when Conner and Johnston combined to slice Easts wide open at was eventually bustled clear.

Hakoah built up steadily and wide on the flanks throughout the second half but the efforts were wasted by negative finishing by **Joe Watson, Stevenson** and **Agenor Muniz.**

The tall **Smith** however delivered one cracking drive which almost caught **Borzi** unaware from well outside the area.

Man of the match was City's young blond headed centre half **Peter Tokesi,** who has grown tremendously in stature playing alongside the cool Hermiston.

The quiet man loses his cool

By LAURIE SCHWAB

J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic is a quiet man. He's usually philosophical about bad results but after the 2-2 draw with Hellas at Olympic Park, he lost his cool.

"I usually don't talk to you boys after a game," he began in the dressing rooms . . . and then he let them have it!

Someone had dared to suggest J.U.S.T. had had bad luck.

I'm sick of hearing about bad luck," he roared as his players sat there, whincing.

He reminded them that the defenders had been instructed to get behind **Graham French** and **Peter Ollerton** whenever either of them got close to goal.

Yet French had been allowed to head home the equaliser unopposed with three minutes to go.

Hellas coach **Manny Poulakakis** was a happy man after the game because he had seen his team fight back after trailing twice.

J.U.S.T. 2 Hellas 2

"The boys showed a lot of spirit in the second half and we will get better," he said.

"There is a lot of room for improvement. The midfield was not functioning, the defenders didn't have the right understanding and the forwards aren't playing together the way they should.

"We can only go up from here."

Hellas was at a disadvantage because it played without **Jimmy Mackay** who had retired from soccer a few days earlier, and **Billy Rogers** who was injured.

The team was dealt a further blow when **Duncan Cummings** limped off the field after only four minutes, to be replaced by **Jim Alexiou.**

Poulakakis used **Anton Dosen** in place of Rogers, a move which gave Hellas a five-man defence and virtually no midfield, for **John Daperis** is still out of form and **Ian Gibson** did his best work when he was right up front.

To plug the midfield gap, **Mike Pye** stormed forward repeatedly from his full back position and **Peter Ollerton** dropped back from attack.

That left **Graham French** alone up front for most of the time.

J.U.S.T. lined up with **Mirko Rujevic** in place of **Frank Micic** who was on the bench.

Rujevic was later replaced by Scottish recruit **Charlie Smith** from St. Johnstone.

Jack Reilly made some fantastic saves to keep Hellas in the game up to half time.

J.U.S.T. dominated the game up to the interval, with **Joe Picioane** playing like a South American ball artist in midfield.

Picioane was supported on the flanks by **Jim Milne** and especially **Andy Kazi** and **Joe Palinkas** was dangerous in attack.

After half time Hellas fought much harder for every ball and its persistence pushed J.U.S.T. off its game.

The earliest action involved Palinkas, who shot well on the turn only to see Reilly making a one-handed reflex save in the 6th minute.

Two headers by Rujevic went close and then Palinkas opened the scoring in the 16th minute, running onto a long ball from Jim Kriaris, leaving the Hellas defence well upfield before shooting past Reilly who had come out to meet him.

The best move of the game failed to result in a goal. Picioane brought the ball down elegantly deep on the left flank and speared it forward to **Mendo Ristovski** who cut inside and flicked the ball to Palinkas running in but Palinkas was felled by Dosen at the crucial moment.

Arthur Xanthopoulos had a great chance for Hellas but from eight metres, he blasted the ball over the bar.

Kazi hit an optimistic 25-metre shot which curved towards the far post. It would have gone in had Reilly not pounced like a cat at the last minute, when he saw the ball was changing direction.

Alan Parrott also shot from far out and Reilly did well to tip it over the bar.

It was Reilly to the rescue yet again when he caught a long-range shot by Picioane with Kazi storming in to follow up.

Hellas equalised in the 54th minute, when Gibson eluded the defenders after accepting a long ball into the penalty area from Mike Pye.

Then Xanthopoulos hit the bar from an Alexiou corner.

French put Gibson through for a golden opportunity but Gibson's angled shot went across goal.

J.U.S.T. went back into the lead in the 69th minute.

Palinkas won the ball on the right wing and with no room to turn, he hit it back over his head, hoping it would reach someone.

That it did! Andy Kazi had stormed into the middle and rammed a powerful header past Reilly to make the score 2-1.

At the other end, Ollerton ran across the penalty area and crossed back to the middle where Xanthopoulos put the ball into the net but referee **David Yelland** rightly disallowed it as he had earlier signalled a foul.

The final equaliser came in the 87th minute when Ollerton's cross bounced off Jim Kriaris' head to unmarked Graham French who nodded it home.

Arthur Xanthopoulos (right) and Graham French (left) are foiled by J.U.S.T.'s Jim Kondarios (No.5) who gets his head to the ball first. Jim Kriaris is also in there trying. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Anton Dosen (left) and Alan Parrott do battle.

Billy Birch gets two in his debut

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Elizabeth City and northern neighbor Para Hills gave the South Australian First Division a shot in the arm with suprising wins on the opening round of the season last Saturday.

Elizabeth beat Ampol Cup finalist Lion 3-2 and Para Hills clinched a magnificent 4-3 win over Cambelltown Budapest.

In other matches Victoria came from 0-2 down to beat a strong Beograd side 3-2, Polonia, the Ampol Cup winners, beat Croatia 4-2 in a see-sawing tussle and Cumberland beat Azzurri 1-0 in a dull affair.

Former Hellas midfield dynamo **Billy Birch,** who is on loan to Elizabeth from the Greek club, scored twice in his debut and English import **Brian Boyd** scored City's third in his initial appearance for the club.

Birch opened the scoring at Hindmarsh Stadium with a good shot after only 15 minutes but Lion's **Peter Nyskohus,** brother of Socceroo **Johnny Nyskohus,** equalised with a spectacular 40 yard shot.

Birch headed City into the lead midway through the half and Boyd made it 3-1 after 60 minutes.

A minute later **Nyskohus** rifled a 20 metre shot past **Tom Preston** to make it 3-2.

Opportunist striker Joe Larecki grabbed a hat trick in Polonia's win at Hanson Reserve.

Croatia was 3-0 down in the second half before **Mitia Marusic** scored two fine goals but Polonia clinched the match 4-2 with the last kick of the day. Former Socceroo **Henry Kolecki** scored the other Polonia goal.

Harry MacDonald scored twice in Para Hills' victory at The Paddocks while **Charlie Tunbridge** scored twice for Campbelltown at the other end.

MacDonald grabbed the winner with a header in the final minute.

A 75th minute shot from Cumberland's **Chris Low** was enough to beat last year's wooden spooners Azzurri at Bailey Reserve.

At Blair Athol **John Kamleitner** and **Zoran Marisic** shot Beograd into a 2-0 lead before **Bell** (2) and **Mitchell** scored in the second half.

On Saturday Elizabeth clashes with Cumberland at Ramsay Park, Polonia and Lion meet at Croydon Park.

Other games are Beograd and Croatia (Woodville West), Campbelltown and Victoria (Campbelltown), Azzurri and Para Hills (Adey Reserve).

HEARTS DOOMED

LONDON, — Edinburgh club Hearts of Midlothian is doomed to relegation from the Premier Division of the Scottish League for the first time in the club's 103-year-history.

Hearts' fate was sealed when Motherwell beat Dundee United 4-0.

With only three games left, Hearts are seven points adrift of the club above them and will be relegated along with Kilmarnock.

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Lots of talent in U.18s

From the juniors by LEIF JENSEN

The best of Victoria's under 18 boys formed into two teams and played against each other in the curtain-raiser to the Victorian v South Australia clash at Olympic Park.

The U/18 game showed us all clearly what wonderful talent there is amongst these young boys, and I feel sure that their coach **Ron Smith** will finish up with a team that will do us all proud anywhere, at home or overseas.

The result of the game Victoria v South Australia we all know by now, and I don't want to talk about that, rather about a few other things in connection with this game.

What happened to you soccer supporters?

The stands were empty. Don't you think you should come to games such as this? How can you expect players in the team to show any enthusiasm when they looked up into an empty stand?

I also think the Federation once again showed little imagination in this respect. Why were free tickets not given to all our junior clubs and coaches from same encouraged to bring some of the boys from their club to this game?

Another suggestion to try to fill the stands at all games is one, which by the way I have already checked out, and wuld only be to happy to organise for anyone interested. This concerns our elderly citizens, of which there are thousands. Get buses organised to take these people to and from our games! Remember many of these people are from overseas where they were keen soccer supporters.

You will find that councils are very interested in starting such a scheme and it surely can only help your club's image in whichever district you may be located.

Pamphlets handed out at schools is another thing which will bring more people to the game. A sure winner would of course be a team of topless marching girls, but that might even hit the headlines in the **Herald** or **Sun** and God forbid that ever happening.

On a more serious note, what happened to the people who were so quick to "knock" the coach of the Victorian team **Ron Smith**? Aren't they big enough to praise him for a job well done?

When I phoned him on Tuesday to congratulate him I was the only one to do so, and you wonder why people shy away from doing things for soccer.

I just hope Ron sticks with the same team next time out, and doesn't fall for all the offers from the "stars" which are sure to come now.

Speaking of players, why should they not be treated to a dinner with their wives or girl friends after the game, and at the same time given a small medal for being selected to play for Victoria?

In any other part of the world it would be considered an honor to represent your State or your Country. Why can't we make it like that here?

Let us make sure that both the players and their coach know that we are proud of them. Next time let us strike up the band, let's have streamers, plenty of people young and old and maybe just one topless marching girl. **You will get nothing if you give nothing.**

Marconi's Peter Sharne (right) goes to the ball, with Saints' Rob O'Shea down and John O'Shea (left) well behind.

Johnson had a right to smile

By TOM ANDERSON

West Adelaide Hellas coach Mike Johnson had a king sized smile on his face after his team had thrashed Sydney Olympic 4 - 0 at Wentworth Park, Sydney, last Sunday.

Johnson was proud of the performance his team had put up.

And he had every reason to be, for West Adelaide's performance was indeed a fine one.

The team had a professional look about it, a look that had obviously come after much hard work on the training ground and a great deal of dedication by both the South Australian players and their coach.

They proved in this clash that they are a very talented side and a highly organised unit that knows where it is going and how to get there.

During the first half of this game, West Adelaide did not create many chances and looked to be making hard work of the job at hand.

Olympic, although never troubling the South Australian defence, looked to be in the game with a reasonable show.

However, Johnson's men stuck to their task, never became frustrated and made it all happen by producing the pattern of play that they set out to achieve.

The result was that it all came together in the second half and that was the end of the ball game as far as Olympic were concerned.

In fact the South Australians were so superior in the last 30 minutes they could well have doubled their score.

Olympic was a big disappointment and it sadly lacks some good strikers.

Its midfield was also weak and never at any time measured up to the job at hand.

Olympic will now have to go into the transfer market to buy someone with the experience to help the young players they now have.

Socceroo striker **John Kosmina** rattled in two goals in this game and once again proved what a dangerous young player he is.

His first came in the 42nd minute from a soft looking shot and his second came in the 46th minute when he spreadeagled the Olympic defence, to easily score with a left foot shot from close in.

Adelaide's other goals came from **Ian McGregor** in the 56th minute and **Graham Honeyman** three minutes from the end.

After the game, Olympic coach **Bruce Stowell,** declared that the road ahead looked very tough which, after his team's performance, was an understatement.

Johnson said he was pleased with his team - something he had every right to be!

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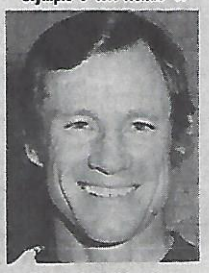


West Adelaide Hellas coach Mike Johnson.

Russell signed, Carrizo sacked, then triumph !

By TOM ANDERSON

Marconi coach Rale Rasic dropped a bombshell before this match at the Sydney Sports Ground when he calmly announced he had signed Apia defender John Russell for $4500.

Russell had a magnificent debut, blotting out St. George's dangerous striker **Neville Morgan** and Marconi had a fine 3-1 win.

But Russell was not the only shock Rasic had in store for his very surprised Marconi Supporters!

He also announced that he had dropped his South American striker Raoul Carrizo for disciplinary reasons and that Carrizo was no longer wanted at Marconi and was on the transfer list.

Then came probably the biggest surprise of all for the Marconi fans when their team went out and cleaned up the Saints 3-1.

It was a typical Rasic-planned win with nothing left to chance. The team tactics were perfect.

The Saints' danger men were completely cut out and in the end, Saints were a very frustrated team.

Marconi used Russell to blot out Morgan - which he did, old warhorse **Ray Richards** did a splendid job on Saints midfielder **Rudi Gnavi** and **Jimmy Rooney** had the freedom of the park to scheme and dictate play at will.

Saints started quite brightly but fell away and in the end were just 11 separate units.

St. Geo.1 Marconi 3

Until they start playing together as a team this Saints outfit will continue to struggle.

Under the present circumstances, even Saints' better players like **Harry Williams, George Harris** and **Phil O'Connor** are suffering.

O'Connor is just not getting the service that made him look such a fine player a few months ago.

Saints' goalkeeper **Martin Coe** had a game he will want to forget in a hurry.

The big fellow must shoulder the blame for Marconi's first two goals.

The first came in the 15th minute, when he completely misjudged an **Ernie Campbell** shot from the byline and the second was in the 20th minute when he dropped the ball at the feet of **Stuart Robertson** who hit a hard shot that **Harry Williams** put into his own net.

Saints pulled one back in the 29th minute when **Robert O'Shea** hit a screaming drive from 40 metres, but Socceroo midfielder **Gary Byrne** put the issue beyond all doubt when he scored with a penalty kick in the 73rd minute after he had been brought down by **George Harris.**

After the game, Rale Rasic said he was happy with the way his team had played.

St George coach Manfred Schaefer declare that he was going into the transfer market to buy a new player!

No, we don't have 200 writers

It was bound to happen. The Victoria clubs not in the national league are loading the flack and pointing it in the direction of "Soccer Action".

"You are not giving us enough coverage in your paper," they are saying.

"You let the national league overshadow us."

Or, "National league — big deal."

I'd hate to put a damper on their beliefs, but the national league is big deal.

This publication gives you a forest, but if you look closely enough it is possible to see the trees.

It might come as a shock to many people but "Soccer Action is not published by **The Age** as a charitable community exercise. We do it, for the same reasons we all do things — for cold hard cash.

Under this formula a paper must try to achieve the largest possible circulation.

There are certain restrictions on what can be covered.

For instance we can't devote space to the lunch time match at the Sunshine Cabinet Works, as strange as this may seem.

Also, the philosophy and hopes and dreams of the soccer ball sewers' union must go unmentioned, unless of course they take out a full page ad and pay for it.

I had no trouble finding a coverage of the state, metropolitan, provisional and industrial leagues — the best coverage anywhere, I might add.

And this is with a staff of less than 200, much less.

You see, the problem with all organisations, institutions and dance couples is that they tend to see themselves as the most important groups.

We also don't cover dance couples, as strange as it may seem.

Let me quote editor **Laurie Schwab:** "There's so much bloody stuff to put in this paper, how can you do it? It's impossible — look at my desk.

"I'll have to go down to 2 point lettering."

In layman's term this means microscopic film. And as the paper must be finished by Monday, the time factor must be considered.

But don't be discouraged, I will let you know the secret of getting extra coverage.

Next time you attend a match don't just sit there in a lazy stupor, watching. Contribute in an exciting manner.

Dress in drag and do Mae West impersonations in front of goal. Turn your team out for the kick-off nude.

I have to stop now because the editor is having trouble fitting this article in.

Where should Australia play its matches of the Asian zone World Cup finals? That is the question.

"In Iran," is the Iranian answer.

"In Hong Kong," is the Hong Kongian answer.

"Anywhere," says Brian le Fevre.

"Iran, Australia, Kuwait, Australia, South Korea, Australia, Hong Kong and Australia," answers Jim Shoulder.

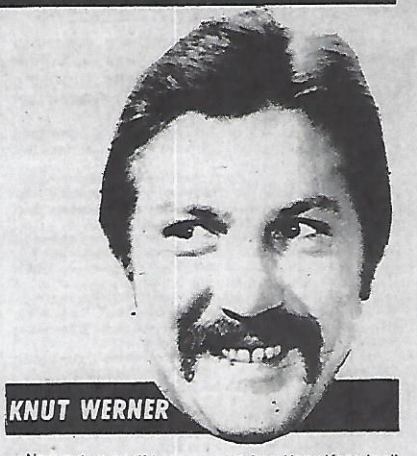
"In Melbourne," suggests Laurie Schwab. "My wife doesn't like for me to travel."

"Around the back of my shop in St. Kilda," hints Les Shorrock. "My business could use it."

I, on the other hand, must agree with **Jim Shoulder** — to hold the matches in as many different places as possible.

This is because I can see the logic behind the national coach's preference.

If Australia doesn't manage to get a placing after the first few matches it is as obvious as a moustache on a soccer ball that Shoulder's tenure as national coach will come to a dramatic conclusion.



KNUT WERNER

Now put yourself in his position.

If you were a coach whose continuance depended on the results of your technique and winning prowess, would you not try to get as much travelling in, free of charge, as you could?

I mean, if the venue were Hong Kong and you blew it in the first two matches, Hong Kong is all you'd see.

But if you played home and away as often as possible . . . you get my drift (or drifting)?

This is probably why he does not even contemplate suggesting Australia plays all the games at home. A wise move.

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Geelong juniors scores

Geelong — Districts Junior Soccer Association Results:

UNDER SIXTEEN: Bell Park v Barwon City 11-0; Brintons v Hamlyn Rangers 2-1; Geelong United v North Geelong 1-4; Bye Ballarat.

UNDER FOURTEEN: Bell Park v Chanel College 2-1; Corio v Barwon City 2-1; Geelong United v North Geelong 4-3; Bye Hamlyn Rangers.

UNDER TWELVE: Geelong United A v North Geelong 1-6; Geelong United B v Hamlyn Rangers 0-3; Corio v Barwon City 2-2; Bell Park v Geelong 0-11.

UNDER TEN: North Geelong B v Hamlyn Rangers 1-3; Corio v Barwon City 0-8; Geelong United v North Geelong A 1-3.

Geelong United B under Twelve have taken the place of Corio B under Twelves.

A penalty? Mooroolbark's Dave Ellis brings down Branko Buljevic, but the referee waved play on. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

GILLAN AND COLE BACK WITH GOALS

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Alex. 2 Mooroolbark 0.

Mooroolbark coach Archie Campbell was disappointed after the 0-2 loss to Alexander that his team had failed to convert its scoring chances.

It's quite true that Mooroolbark had some chances, but Alexander was clearly the more talented team even though it did deterioriate after half time.

And because it had the more talented players, Alexander should not have presented Mooroolbark with as many scoring chances.

Alexander coach **Jim Adam** fielded a reshuffled line-up after club president **Jim Mangopoulos** and the committee had expressed full confidence in him at a players' meeting earlier in the week.

Adam had **Jim Tansey** at left back in place of **Nick Rakovalis** and **Gary Cole** and **George Gillan** in place of **Andrew Bozikas** and **Jim Campbell.**

Gillan and Cole had been taken off the transfer list earlier in the week and Adam now has the task of sorting out his best 11 from something like 20 players.

Yet, another newcomer was expected as we went to press.

He is **Arthur McMillan,** a defender Adam has lured from Scottish club Hamilton Academicals.

The man of the match was undoubtedly Branko Buljevic, despite the fact that he played only until half time when he had to go off with deep cuts to his shin and a badly swollen ankle.

Buljevic had dominated the match in the first half and after he went off there was no one up front to hold the ball, although **George Gillan** did have his best match for some time.

Buljevic rolled a short pass into the path of Tansey storming towards the penalty area and Tansey's shot may have found its mark had **Alan Pongho** not stuck his head in the way.

A few minutes later **Walter Boczjuk** robbed **Bob Provan** of the ball and fired in a dangerous shot which **Peter Blasby** did well to save.

Mike Clarey hit the post from an offside position and Boczjuk struck again with a header that hit the bar.

Alexander was allowing Boczjuk far too much room and the former South Australian took full advantage of it.

In the 26th. minute Gillan headed a high ball down to the feet of Buljevic who smashed it into the net but the referee ruled it offside.

Then Buljevic sent a free kick wide of the wall to **Ken Taylor** who had a clear path to goal but Taylor miskicked on the run and wasted the opportunity.

Gillan headed down to Cole who blasted over the bar.

But the Gillan-Cole partnership paid off in the 34th. minute when Cole crossed and Gillan headed in the first goal.

Alexander's defence was playing poorly, forcing sweeper **Mike Glykokalamos** to run from touchline to touchline, plugging up the gaps, as well as move upfield to generate attacks.

The inability of the defence to clear the ball cleanly resulted in Mooroolbark having three clear-cut chances in a sustained attack but **Gordon McGregor** and **Boczjuk** again found luck against them.

Two minutes from half time Buljevic made his way into the penalty area where he was felled by **Dave Ellis.** It looked like a foul but referee **Beazleigh** decided it was not a penalty.

Alexander scored its second goal seven minutes after half time when Cole headed home from a free kick by Pat Bannon after Andrew Bozikas had been fouled on the edge of the area.

Bozikas had come on for the injured Buljevic.

A very talented player, he provided part of the mobility which was lost when Buljevic went off.

Glykokalamos made a serious mistake when he miskicked a back-pass to Blasby. Boczjuk darted onto the ball and shot from eight metres but unbelievably, the ball went wide.

Mooroolbark's best player, Geoff Ontong (left) shields the ball from George Gillan.

WILSON'S BACK AT HIS BEST

By BILL BAILEY

Wests 3 Lions 0

A tough, hard, uncompromising, thoroughly professional unit which means business!

That must be the only way Wests can be described after their no-nonsense 3-0 win over Brisbane Lions at the Sydney Sports Grund on Sunday.

For this was Wests' third great win in a row and they have now played 270 minutes of national league soccer without conceding a goal!

In fact they are now the only team in the competition with a 100% record and deserve to be where they are - on top of the pile!

This Wests team is a good one and one that will be hard to stop.

Their attitude and the determination to succeed is something that has be be admired.

Coach **Mike Laing** has motivated his players to perfection and they are a well drilled and very disciplined unit.

On the field they have a magnificent leader in Socceroo skipper **Peter Wilson,** who believes in leading by example.

This year, Wilson is back to his best and is on top of the world, both with Wests and the Australian team.

Brisbane Lions, who are signing players from every corner of the globe as if they were going out of fashion, have a number of problems to solve before they become a force to be reckoned with - at least away from home.

They are not too bad in defence, where big **Col Bennett** is the steadying influence, but in midfield and up front they need strengthening.

Lions' Laslo Koroknai - played for Melbourne in 1970.

This was a game where defenders came into their own and indeed took the major role in scoring Wests goals.

Full back **Steve Perry** opened the scoring in the 23rd minute when he moved upfield and unleashed a tremendous drive that went in via the crossbar.

Next it was **Peter Wilson's turn to get in on the act and in the 41st minute "Big Willie" headed home a beauty.**

Not to be outdone, Socceroo midfielder **Dave Harding** completed the scoring for Wests in the 71st minute when he toed one in from close range.

An interesting point in this clash is that this is the third outing in which Lions have failed to score!

After the game Wests' coach **Mike Laing** said he was happy but declared there was still a long way to go!

One thing is certain - if Wests keep on producing this sort of stuff, the road will seem much longer and harder for the clubs that have to face them!

Nyskohus stars, Juventus climbs

Juv. Adel. 2 Canberra 0

Adelaide Juventus' diminutive Socceroo Johnny Nyskohus shot his club into second position in the national league with a superb best-on-field performance in the 2-0 win over Canberra City at Olympic Sports Field.

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Nyskohus tore gaping holes in the Canberra backline and it was inevitable that he would score.

Juventus took control of the game as early as the eighth minute when David Leane had a glorious chance to score but he mis-kicked from four metres.

After a quiet start Nyskohus, covering an enormous amount of ground, gave the Canberra defence a torrid time and showed it a sign of things to come with a searing 25 metre shot which keeper **Mal Haynes** just managed to push for a corner.

Within a minute Juventus had scored from a penalty kick when Nyskohus was cut down just inside the penalty area.

John Perin took the spot kick and made no mistake.

With **Perin, Gary Marocchi** and **Sergio Melta** controlling the midfield, Canberra's two strikers **Brian Stoddart** and **Keni Kawaleva** along with **Ivan Grujicic** had to fight hard up front but were always dangerous.

Kawaleva had a glorious chance to equalise in the 30th minute when he gave three Juventus defenders the slip and blasted a 25 metre shot against the cross bar.

Nyskohus put the issue beyond doubt when he spun in one quick movement and smashed the ball high into the net.

Canberra City fought hard in the second half and did most of the attacking until the final 15 minutes when Juventus went all out for a third goal.

Nyskohus came the closest when he outpaced **Steve Hogg** but his shot bounced off Haynes for another corner.

Stoddart missed Canberra's best chance when he volleyed over the Juventus crossbar 12 minutes from the end after Kawaleva had split the Juventus defence.

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Victorian Metro League with LES SHORROCK

Murphy, Lynn turn up trumps with Croydon

BOX HILL 0 CROYDON CITY 3 (Murphy pen 11, pen 23, Keuken 13).

BOX HILL: Morgan 5, Benton 6, Corke 6, Lapish 5, Toffield 5, Brown 4, McLeod 4 (sub Owen 70, 4); Waaldyk 6, Taylor 5, Berardini 5, Hall 5.
CROYDON: Edwards 6, Kupinicio 6, Ogden 5, Plunkett 7, Ward 6, T Kelly 5, Keuken 6, White 6, Lynn 7, Murphy 7, Blacker 6.
Referee: Kahlich 8.

This local Derby turned into a rout after half-time and the result was a severe setback to Box Hill's championship hopes.

Box Hill played down the slope in the first half and in the first quarter of an hour it seemed that the 'twins', **Taylor** and **Berardini** had the ability to outstrip the big Croydon defenders and a goal for Box Hill was always imminent.

But the Croydon defence, well marshalled by coach **Mick Plunkett,** knuckled down to their task well and by half-time had the upper hand.

Box Hill could count themselves unlucky when **Aukie Waaldyk** hit the post with a thunderbolt and also when **Paul Corke's** shot hit a defender at point-blank range.

A goal then would probably have produced an entirely different result, but to Croydon's credit, they never wilted under the pressure and in the end they looked much the fitter side.

All the drama came in the second half. After only 11 minutes, referee Kahlich awarded Croydon a penalty which Box Hill hotly disputed, and **Charlie Murphy** dispatched the spot-kick efficiently.

When **Gerry Keuken** swung over a cross from the left, the defence got in a tangle and somehow the ball sneaked into the far corner past stranded **Graeme Morgan.**

That was bad enough, but worse was to come, for only 10 minutes later, Croydon gained another penalty which Box Hill heatedly claimed was for an offence outside the box.

Undeterred by the protests, Murphy calmly stuck that one away too and that was the end of the ball game as far as Box Hill was concerned.

Croydon went home well content, for quite apart from picking up two valuable away points, there was the added bonus that the two 'investments', **Charlie Murphy** and **Mike Lynn,** had more than justified their purchase.

Lynn was a bargain at $1,200, and after Ringwood's home defeat by Frankston, **Dick van Alphen** must be ruing Lynn's departure.

Lynn led the Croydon attack with great dash and was more than a handful for the inexperienced **Ian Tuffield.**

Croydon also has **Charlie Kelly** of Melbourne fame getting fit in the Reserves which means added depth and experience.

Under the guidance of **Mike Plunkett** Croydon could be set for a good season.

On the other hand, Box Hill must have been disappointed with their team's effort, for in the second half it was pathetic.

Division One

Keilor City's rebuilt team failed to click up front and lost 0-1 to Springvale City, despite a fine performance in defence by Gerry Altheim.

Keilor's reserves won 4-0.

Other scores: Keilor Austria 1 Dandenong 2, St. Albans 1 Ardeer 1, Waverley 1 Westa 2, Melbourne 0 Albion Rovers 3.

Division Two

Eltham had a good win over Collingwood City with goals from John Rattray and Rako Curciga.

Best for Eltham were goalkeeper Lindon Finlay, Gordon Kirkwood, and Les Gooney.

Richmond goalkeeper Tom Schultz was the star of the match against Footscray J.U.S.T.

The Footscray players were fast and aggressive but Richmond had its chances and Rudi Pocl was unlucky to hit the post.

Both teams tried hard but neither managed to score.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 0 DOVETON 1 (Roderick 2nd.).
DOVETON team: Riess, Taylor, Kingsley, Garland, Wilson, McMinimee, Murray, Roderick, Sweeney, Gaw, Hill.
Best for Doveton: Riess, Garland.
BRIGHTON 1 FERNTREE GULLY 1
SCORERS: Sammy Jordan (FTG) (18 mins), P. Avent (Brighton) (65 mins.).
BRIGHTON: J. Bryden, B. Fulton, R. Parry, M. McCaig, A. Carmichael, J. Williams, J. Attard, R. Nikolic, P. Avent, A. Tubb, D. Harrison, (Reserves) K. Currie, S. Whelan, S. Bakewell.
F.T.G.: B. Easton, J. Johnson, Vanderhoek P., C. Teeuw, A. Sjo, R. Clarke, P. Rubens, J. Jordan, G. Robinson, Vanderhoek H., T. Hampson.

Other scores: Moreland 1 Sth Melb Hellas 1, Moorooibark 5 Bell Park 3.

Charlie Murphy (left) and Mike Lynn, Croydon's signings from Slavia and Ringwood City respectively.

Division Three

BROADMEADOWS 1 Essendon City 0.
Scorer: Reya Biner's shot deflected into goal by an Essendon defender, 64th min.
BROADMEADOWS: Pace, Gatt, Sendra, Biner, B. Alderson, O'Neill, Deguara, Sacco, Gafa, Belli (Paterson), Santo.
ESSENDON: Civitico, Ozmal, Carponi, Vesnaver, Tribuzzio, F. Berna, Dilizia, Ross, M. Tribuzzio, Porcino, Banda (Galati).
Broadmeadows' best players: O'Neill, Deguara, Sacco.
KNOX CITY 2 (Weston, Butt)
RINGWOOD UNITED 1 (Case penalty).
KNOX CITY team: DeMann, Schackleford, Bedford, Atkins, Milne, Flynn, Flood, Howarth, Butt, Weston, Waller.
Milne and Weston were Knox's best players.

Other scores: Heidelberg 2 Yallourn 2, Prahran 0 Chelsea 2, Coburg 3 Park Rangers 0, Moorabbin 0 Port Melbourne 2.

Division Four

SANDRINGHAM 5 (Antonios 3, Fletcher, own goal) ROSEBUD 2.
SANDRINGHAM team: Pugliese, Shaddick, Murphy, Puller, McGrath, Rea, Grundy, Drda, Antonios, Boggan, Fletcher.
Best players for Sandringham: Antonios, Murphy, Drda.
Brian Anderson missed a Rosebud penalty in the first half.
CAULFIELD CITY 3 BALLARAT 0.
Scorers: John Mitten 44 mins, Barry Wessels 60 mins, John Agetzes 68 mins.
CAULFIELD team: Warren, Holmes, Berkery, Agetzes, Wessels, S. Packer, G. Packer, Petropoulos, Vietters, M. Mitten, J. Mitten, Gardiner, subs Elenhouris, (80 mins) Gigovic (55 mins).
Best players: Wessels, Fergal, Berkery, S. Holmes, Agtzes.
It was Caulfields' first game at Duncan McKinnon Reserve.
CORIO 2 STH YARRA 0
CORIO team: Pettig, Welsh, Secan, Paged, Doppler, Green, Sangil, R. v der Chys, F. Sangil, Malesic, Radojavic, 1st reserve, Edwards, Boshjak.
STH YARRA: Fry, Stans, Stovey, Humphries, De Marchi, Higgingbottom, Gallasher, Ryan, James, Cumway, Barry, Harsford.
Corio's first goal by penalty 75 min.
Senior team included two new players, junior R. van der Chys, who played a good game and an ex-Geelong player, F. Sangil, who also seemed to fit into the line up well.
Best player for Corio: K. Green.

Other scores: Morwell Falcons 2 Doncaster 3, Monash 4 Mornington 0, Uni of Melb 1 Clayton 1.

Provisional League

First Division

FRANKSTON PINES 7 SOUTH DANDENONG 2.
Scorers: Frankston: Malcom (2), Broderick (2), Miller, Watson & Luca. South Dandenong: Guillermin & J. Savannah.
FRANKSTON PINE team: Francis, Miller, Bennet, McVean, Paulding, Broderick, Cox, Luca, Cherrie, Malcom, Watson.
STH DANDENONG: Rossety, Marzin F. (sub Savannah M), Guillemin, Borg, Savannah G., Roussety, Captluex, Fauvrelle, Hartman, Roussety S. & Savannah J.
There was an early penalty for 'South' in the first few minutes. S. Roussety was brought down in the box and C. Guillemin converted.
FAWKNER 4 GEELONG 1
Scorers: 35, Vechiatto, penalty 43, Schipano 57, McKim 59, Baravelli 89, Schipano.
FAWKNER team: Spadaro, Frolia, Rossetto, J. Pater, Vechiatto, Barbetta (Budicin), Bazzano, Guglielmi, Baravelli, Schipano, Epifano.
GEELONG: Nelson, Llewellyn, Meletic, C. Haroy, R. Haroy, Barber, McKim, Warnock, Barth, Meadows, Prior.
A penalty was awarded to Fawkner (35 min.) for foul on Epifano. From there on Fawkner was in complete control. Best on field: Epifano, Baravelli, Schipano, Vecchiatto, Barth, Barber.

Other scores: Werribee 3 Nunawading 0, Hotham 2 L'Warrin 1, Hamlyn R. 1 Cent. Altona 0.

Second Division

KARINGAL 1 (Darville 71st. min)
HAWTHORN 1 (T. Gavzonis 59th.)
KARINGAL: Taylor, Darville, Dutton, K. Schroeder Snr., K. Schroeder Jnr., Baxon, Vesco, Dunn, Cutler, Plaskett, Artico, Sub. Klezenberg.
HAWTHORN Leris, Daoullas, Rovatsos, Joakim, Mikalos, T. Gavzonis, S. Gavzonis, Poupoulis, Maglaras, Limogiannis, Hagiemannouil.
Best player: Darville (Karingal).
WILLIAMSTOWN 0 GREENSBOROUGH 0
WILLIAMSTOWN: Karafill, Dovic, Najdek, Milosavljevec, Beker, Drozdek, Svonko, Pamtic, Bajko, Bartul, Cetinic.
GREENSBOROUGH: Payne, Norriss, Koenan, Bass, Ellis, Robinson, Bass, Stafford, McGilp, Ellis, Smith.
Williamstown best players M. Beker, F. Drozdek.
Greensborough: Payne, Norriss, H. Ellis.

SPLIT NETS 15 GOALS

Industrial League by RON DARLINGTON

If the remaining rounds of the Victorian Industrial League are as fiercely contested as the first two, the league is in for a great season.

Only eight clubs have extracted maximum points from the two rounds and last week about half the matches played were draws or decided by the odd goal.

The only real exceptions to the rule were in Division 4 where A. R. Split scored 15 against A.N.Z. Bank 'B', a team that had been stripped of its better players to bolster its injury hit 'A' team and McColl Dynamo 'B' who won 8-0 against Linatex, **Victor Pauvif** scoring 7 of them.

In Division 1 the match between the League Champions, McColl Dynamo 'A', and Cup holders, R.A.C.V., had to be postponed because of ground problems which allowed Pegasus to go clear at the top of the table through beating Tarax 1-0, **Stephan Fus** again scoring the only goal of the match after 10 minutes play.

Sander Kazi gave yet another immaculate display between the sticks and by keeping the score to one goal almost earned his side a point but **Mike Rusmir** managed to scoop the ball over the bar from only 2 yards out with 5 minutes to go instead of putting it in the net and levelling the score.

Melbourne Meats moved into second place by beating Repco Richmond 2-1.

DIVISION 1: Bowater Scott 3, Kodak Utd. 1; Tarax 0, Pegasus 1; Repco R'mond 1, Melb. Meats 2; R.A.C.V. P, McColl Dyn. 'A' mP; D.D. & H.O. Wills 4, Ford Falcons 2.

DIVISION 2: A.C.I. Box Hill 1, Bosch 1; Ansett 1, Mid. Park VRI 'A' 4; Pub. Works 'A' 1, Philip Morris 1; Sperry Vickers 5, A.N.Z. Bank 'A' 1; T.A.A. 1, Siemens 'A' 1.

DIVISION 3: C.B.C. Bank 3, Lysaght 2; Colyer Watson 3, Rowntree H. 0; Diecraft 3, L.E.T.S. 1; Leyland 1, Taxation Utd. 1; Reyrolle Utd. 0 Fibre Cont. 2.

DIVISION 4 EAST: Caster Utd. 1, Pub. Works 'B' 1; McColl Dyn 'B' 8, Linatex 0; Keeley Utd 2, Fibremakers 0; Tessa Town 2, The Age 3; Ringwood Lanes Bye.

DIVISION 4 NORTH: A.H.D. 1, A.G.C.F. 1; A.N.Z. Bank 'A' 1, A.R. Split 15; Caulfield Sprs 1, Olympic Tyre 1; Travellers Melb. 4, Repco Could 0; K.S.C. Utd. Bye.

DIVISION 4 WEST: James Miller 2, C.I.G. 0; Mid. Pk. VRI 'B' 2, Gascor City 4; RAAF Pt. Cook 2, Parory Florinis 2, Siemens Bees 2, Quaker LUV 4; Aquila Steel Bye.

Other scores: Thomastown 5 Melton 1, Keyeborough 0 Nth Dandenong 0, West Melb. 3 E. Brunswick 0, Carlton 0 Bulleen 0, Sunbury 3 Burnley 0.

DIVISION 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Pegasus 9	2	0	0	2	0	4
Mel. Meats	1	1	0	5	4	3
RACV	1	0	0	7	1	2
McColl 'A'	1	0	0	5	2	2
Ford Falcons	1	0	1	6	4	2
WD & HO Wills	1	0	1	4	3	2
Bowater Scott	1	0	1	3	5	2
Tarax	0	1	1	3	4	1
Repco R'mond	0	0	2	3	7	0
Kodak Utd	0	0	2	2	10	0

DIVISION 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sperry Vickers	2	0	0	7	1	4
Mid Pk VRI 'A'	2	0	0	9	4	4
Bosch	1	1	0	8	5	3
Philip Morris	1	1	0	6	4	3
Pub Works 'A'	1	1	0	2	1	3
ACI Box Hill	0	1	1	4	6	1
TAA	0	1	1	5	8	1
Siemens 'A'	0	1	1	1	3	1
Ansett	0	0	2	4	9	0
ANZ Bank 'A'	0	0	2	1	6	0

DIVISION 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Colyer Watson	2	0	0	8	0	4
Diecraft	2	0	0	4	1	4
Leyland	1	1	0	5	3	3
CBC Bank	1	1	0	3	2	3
Taxation Utd	0	2	0	1	1	2
Fibre Cont	1	0	1	2	5	2
LETS	0	1	1	2	4	1
Reyrolle	0	1	1	1	3	1
Lysaght	0	0	2	2	3	0
Rowntree H	0	0	2	2	7	0

DIVISION 4 EAST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Keeley Utd	2	0	0	9	0	4
McColl 'B'	2	0	0	11	2	4
Caster Utd	1	1	0	4	2	3
Fibremakers	1	0	1	4	3	2
The Age	1	0	1	4	5	2
Pub Works 'A'	0	1	1	3	4	1
Tessa Town	0	0	2	3	7	0
R'wood Lanes	0	0	1	0	7	0
Linatex	0	0	1	0	8	0

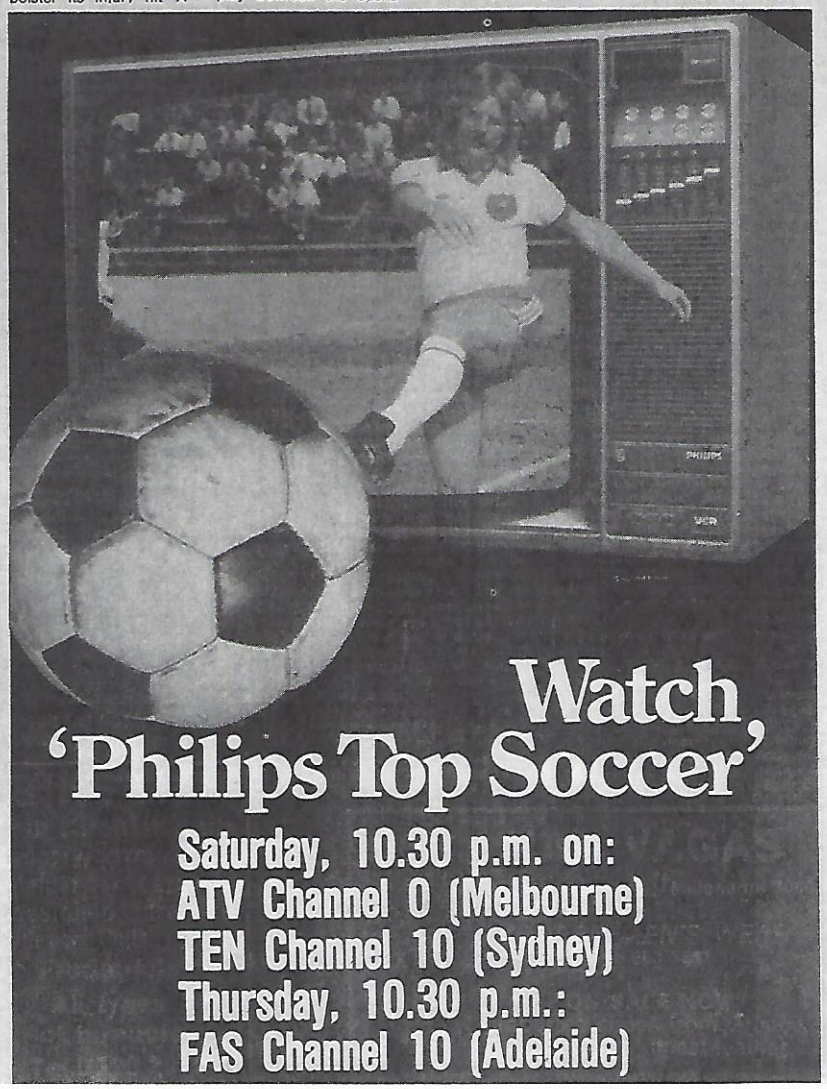
DIVISION 4 NORTH

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Travellers Melb	2	0	0	5	0	4
C'field Sprs	1	1	0	4	1	3
AGCF	1	1	0	7	2	3
AR Split	1	0	1	15	2	2
AHD	0	2	0	1	1	2
KSC Utd	0	1	0	0	0	1
Olympic Tyre	0	1	0	1	1	1
ANZ Bank 'B'	0	0	2	2	21	0
Repco Could.	0	0	2	0	7	0

DIVISION 4 WEST

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Parory Florinis	1	1	0	7	3	3
RAAF Pt Ck	1	1	0	7	3	3
James Miller	1	1	0	4	2	3
Quaker LUV	1	1	0	6	4	3
Gascor City	1	0	1	5	7	2
Aquila Steel	0	1	0	2	2	1
Mid Pk VRI 'B'	0	1	1	4	6	1
Siemens Bees	0	0	2	3	9	0
CIG	0	0	1	0	2	0

Moorabbin's Brown clears a Port Melbourne shot, with defenders Morgan and Stephens standing by.



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GEORGE CROSS TURNS TABLES ON ESSENDON

George Cross goalkeeper Lou Kastner plucks the ball off the head of Lions forward Ken Murphy.

Victorian State League round-up by LES SHORROCK.

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Wilkinson 50) ESSENDON LIONS 0

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 6, McConville 7, Barron 6, Webb 7, Maitland 6, Murphy 6, Cullen 6, Wilkinson 6, Kelly 5, Reed 6, Ebini 5.

LIONS: Petrovski 4, Brkjevic 5, Gunn 5, Ivanovic 5, Train 6, Krajina 5, Vojtek 5, Gardiner 6, Kuzmanov 5, (Krncevic 5 half time) Wallace 4 (sub Culina), Murphy 6.

Referee: Bambridge 9.

George Cross twisted the Lions' tail on Friday night and gained some measure of revenge for its loss in the Ampol Cup final.

The difference between this game and the Ampol Cup Final only a fortnight before was almost unbelievable.

George Cross admittedly had reshuffled its team, pulling **Paul Murphy** back into the midfield, **Kelly** moving to striker, and **John Webb** taking over as sweeper. The hero of the Dockerty Cup win over Doncaster, **Ken Reed,** also came in for his first League game.

But the re-arrangement alone wouldn't account for Georgie's remarkable revitalisation ...for one thing they all seemed a yard faster than they were in the final.

Lions were without **Ante Bilaver** and brought in **Brkjevic** in his place, but most surprisingly, played **Kuzmanov** and left Victorian representative **Eddie Krncevic** on the bench until half time.

In this game Lions' mid-field didn't fire at all, and to make matters worse, the defence played poorly too, with the result that Georgie's front runners **Cullen, Reed** and **Ebini** had a birthday.

John Webb must have relished his sweeper's task, for in contrast to Lions', Georgie's defence looked rock-like, with **Barron** and **McConville** tackling like demons and **Maitland** and **Webb** turning away Lions attacks with ease.

The George Cross choir (where were they on Easter Monday?), for once outsung the Lions supporters and at one time were doing an Abba with 'Money, money, money, it's a rich man's World'.

Well they could be right. If Georgie shows the same fight in all of its League games, it could be a leading contender for the money this year.

As for Lions, they have criticised me before for saying that they are temperamental and run hot and cold, but Friday night was a perfect example, and now there is to no **Ivica Gruljicic** to produce an electrifying piece of football magic out of nowhere, and the team is the poorer for it.

Alex McConville seemed determined to wipe out the stigma of his own goal in the final, and he came closest to scoring in the first half when he hit the post with a screamer.

Five minutes into the second half, came the goal from **Billy Wilkinson,** and it was a real gift.

Wilkinson hit the ball from fully 40 yards out and Petrovski in the Lions goal first caught the ball then fumbled it and it trickled over the line.

HAKOAH 4 (Groenwald 3 Rainey) GREEN GULLY 1 (Segi)

HAKOAH: O'Hara, Nagy, Valli, Jordanou, Baker, Gadsby, Groenwald, Edmondson, Blair, Rainey, Black (Sub Bozinovski).

GREEN GULLY: Borg, P. Banagan, Marshall, Berens, Cole, Thompson, McGill, M. Banagan, Segi, Collins, Gradv (sub T. Banagan).

Green Gully suffered a setback after only seven minutes, when a low shot went under Borg's body for Hakoah's first goal.

Grady missed a chance at point blank range and then Hakoah took over and by half time were three goals up.

Tony Hamill came on for **Mick Banagan** and **Terry Banagan** replaced **John Grady,** but Green Gully was unable to get back into the game.

For the winners, **Gary Groenwald** was outstanding and **Bill Jordanou** and **Les Nagy,** together with **David Baker** put up an impenetrable defence.

It was a welcome return to the goal standard for Hakoah, who have not found goal-scoring easy, and it was all the more meritorious considering **Bruce Roberts** was sidelined through injury.

Green Gully coach **Ian Petherick** took some consolation from the display of **Jim McGill** from Halifax, who will be a big asset when he is match fit.

MAKEDONIA 1 (McAleer) ALTONA CITY 1 (Davidson).

jkowski, Petrovski, Brewerton, Campbell, McAleer, Bernard, Gelevski (sub Fox), Petrov, Beech, Flaherty.

ALTONA: Van der Poel, Copley, Lord, Gramsbergn, Murray, Ackers (sub Little), Davidson, Brown, Ignatides, Taylor, Watters.

Altona gave fancied Makedonia a terrible fright before sharing the points with a lot more verve and fighting for every ball took an early lead with a good goal from Alan Davidson.

Then their recent acquisition from St. Albans. **Con Ignatides,** hit the bar and **Bob Taylor** chipped over Laumets, only to see the ball scrape inches over.

Altona also appealed strenuously for a penalty in this period and felt they should have been three up at the interval.

After half-time, Jim Ackers was injured and replaced by **Nat Little,** whilst **Tom Fox** came on in the Preston-Makedonia line-up for **Gelevski.**

This tilted the midfield balance Preston's way and they came into the game much more.

Preston equalised when **Steve Beech** took a freekick on the left and **Frank McAleer** outjumped the Altona defence to head home.

Altona would be very pleased with the debut of **Bob Taylor** from Bolton.

POLONIA 1 (Humphries) JUVENTUS 2 (Armstrong 2).

POLONIA: Ostrowski, Dimitriou, Menichelli, Koter, Jaworski, S. Klain, Nierobisz, Horfiniak, Esposito, Herman, Humphries.

JUVENTUS: Graham, Sabadini, Tarquinio, Walker, Della Rocca, Bannon, Watkins, Sabadussi (sub Sanipoli), Armstrong, Pfisterer, Malnenti.

Juventus earned the points at Maribyrnong on Sunday, if only by virtue of its sparkling first half display.

Juventus coach **Bob McLachlan** said his team played its best football for the season in a half-hour period, but let the initiative slip away through complacency in the second half.

Juve took the lead through **Jim Armstrong** after 25 minutes, and should have gone further ahead when **Bannon** hit the crossbar and **Steve Walker** hit the post.

Polonia came more into the game in the second half and **Humphries** began to lead the Juventus defence a merry dance.

He equalised 15 minutes into the second half, but Juventus withstood the pressure and came back to score the winner, again through Armstrong.

Both sides praised the handling of the game by **Jack Readshaw.**

On this form, Juventus will be hard to beat, but Polonia can be happy with their form and not many teams will come away from Maribyrnong this year with both points.

RINGWOOD 0 FRANKSTON 1 (Dall)

RINGWOOD CITY: Rowe, Adams, Plumb, Curulli, Verniers, O'Callaghan, Schott, Eggers, Brown (sub Luyten), Kreskas, Kent.

FRANKSTON: Petersen, Merrick, Irvine, Adams, Gillespie, Lewis, Webster (sub Shanks), Savage (sub Spears), Buchanan, Westerveld, Dall.

Mark Dall scored for Frankston City after only 10 minutes, and after that, Frankston very sensiny, tied up the game and never allowed Ringwood to penetrate their tightly packed defence.

Without **Mike Lynn,** the Ringwood attack lacked penetrating power, and **Frank Petersen** and his backs hardly had a worrying moment, apart from a chance that came **Callaghan's** way in the first half.

For the winners, **Eric Gillespie** showed he will be a tower of strength when he is match fit and has settled in, and in **Gillespie, Webster** and **Lewis** Frankston has a good midfield trio that will more than hold its own.

Ringwood looks to be in for a hard season unless reinforcements arrive quickly. **Keith Adams** played well, but cannot carry the defence single-handed and the attack is now reduced to **Chris Kent** and **John O'Callaghan.**

It had found a good goalkeeper in **Michael Rowe** from Doncaster, England. **Andrew Scott** from Burv and **David Jones** from Bolton are expected soon.

SUNSHINE (Pocock 2) SLAVIA 2 (O'Halloran, Train).

SUNSHINE: Johnson, Lewis, Howe, Mussels, Dixey McCarthy, Hewson, McRobert, Cumming, Pocock, Gilmour.

SLAVIA: Clarke, Train, Thompson, Owens, Symington, Wilcox (sub Pye), Moore, O'Halloran, Ripley, Gilder, Kelly.

Sunshine City and Slavia shared the points in an even game at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

Sunshine led twice, with goals from **Ray Pocock,** the first coming after 30 minutes and the second at the 75-minute mark.

Ray Pocock had a good game and led the attack with great dash, and Sunshine was pleased with new acquisition **Jim Hewson** from Makedonia, West Australia.

Slavia coach **Ken Kontra** was pleased with the way his players came back after being twice in arrears. He said it was a big improvement on their performance against Western Suburbs in the Dockerty Cup, and he was full of praise for the first equaliser from **O'Halloran,** right on half-time.

Dave Ripley took a free-kick and O'Halloran ghosted behind the defence to score with a diving header.

Slavia saved a point in the dying minutes when **Jim Train** who had moved to mid-field scored with a powerful volley from 25 yards.

Williams broken leg feared

NSW State League compiled by TOM ANDERSON

MANLY 0 BANKSTOWN 2 at Cromer Park Sunday. Attendance — 825.

This game was marred by a bad injury to Bankstown's left winger **Eric Williams** who was rushed to hospital after the game with a suspected broken leg.

The incident happened late in the first half when Williams was involved in a tackle with Manly winger **Bill Reilly.**

After the incident Reilly was booked by the referee for an alleged dangerous tackle.

This was Manly's first home defeat and one that upset their championship hopes.

However they never deserved to win against a young and determined Bankstown.

Scorers. Bankstown: Daley, Paterson.

AVALA 2 ARNCLIFFE SCOTS 3 at Bankkstown Soccer Centre. Sunday. Attendance — 600

A great Scottish victory and one that no doubt had the Arncliffe supporters eating the haggis after the game!

The Scots were up against it from the start, but some grit and determination and some real spirit got them through to a very creditable win.

Mind you, had Avala's strikers carried any firepower, the pipers could well have been playing laments at Arncliffe on Sunday night.

But this was not to be, and the Avala team which cost quite a bit of money to build, was about as dangerous as an old lady with a feather duster.

The Scots are not a great side by any means, but man, they are bonny fighters!

Scorers:

Arncliffe Scots; Stevenson 2, Hall. Avala: Doran 2.

APIA 2 GRANVILLE 2 at Lambert Park on Sunday. Attendance — 1069.

Granville went into this clash as underdogs but matched Apia in every aspect.

In fact they looked as if they were going to pull off a surprise win and led 2-1 with only two minutes left to play.

However, up popped Apias **John Doyle** to head the equaliser and save the day for the Leichdardt team.

In the dying stages of the game, both teams tried hard to grab the winner, but this just did not happen.

Scorers: Apia, Morsello, Doyle, Granville, Forwood, Patterson.

WOLLONGONG CITY 0 CROATIA 1 at Berkeley on Sunday. Attendance — 2350.

Croatia will be glad it did not let its young midfielder **John Davies** join PSL club Canberra City.

For Davies popped up in the 35th minute to score the goal that mattered to give the Sydney team the points.

The young and inexperienced City performed reasonably well under the circumstances and came out of this game with quite a bit of credit.

They used two men — **Hugh Tinney** and **Andy Campbell,** to keep a close watch on Croatia's Socceroo striker **Atti Abonyi.**

This proved to be quite effective and for once Abonyi did not get his name on the scoring sheet.

Scorers: Croatia; Davies.

YUGAL PRAGUE 2 CANTERBURY 3 at the ES Marks Field, Sunday. Attendance — 400

The demise of Yugal continues and once again they failed to record a win!

This once fine team has hit rock bottom in recent weeks.

Mind you, Lady Luck is not going their way either and they could have grabbed the equaliser if she had smiled on them near the end of the game.

A bad back pass from a Canterbury defender hit the upright when a goal seemed certain and the ball was scrambled clear.

At one stage in this game Canterbury led by three goals, but seemed to run out of steam in the second half.

Scorers: Yugal; Francic, Trkulja. Canterbury; Angelopoulos, Thomson.

AUBURN 3 SUTHERLAND 0 at Mona Park. Sunday. Attendance — 111.

Sutherland were done like a dog's dinner by an Auburn team that produced its best display of the season.

In fact at no time in this clash did Sutherland look capable of winning.

Auburn grabbed control of the midfield from the start and that was the end of the ball game.

In fact had it not been for Sutherland's former Socceroo goalkeeper **Ron Corry** the scoreline would have been greater.

The veteran Corry pulled out all stops but even this was not enough to save his disjointed team.

Scorers: Auburn; Jones, Reid, Gibson.

This week's games: Croatia Sydney v Auburn Sunday, Marks Field; Arncliffe Scots v Wollongong City Saturday, Hurstville Oval; A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt v Avala Sunday, Lambert Park; Sutherland Shire v Yugal-Prague Sunday, Seymour Shaw; Hellas Cant. M'Ville v Manly Warringah Saturday, Arlington Oval; Granville P'Matta v Bankstown Sunday, Garside Park.

Match venue changed

The Slavia v Ringwood City State League match on Suday will be played at Jubilee Park, Ringwood.

It had been scheduled for the Melbourne Showgrounds but the venue had to be changed because maintenance work is being carried out there.

Team of the week

CLARKE (Slavia)

ADAMS (Ringwood) — McALEER (Mak.) — IRVINE (F'ston) — McCONVILIE G. Cross)

WEBB (G. Cross) — JAWORSKI (Polonia) — LEWIS (F'ston)

WATKINS (Juve) — GROENWALD (Hakoah) — POCOCK (Sunshine)

PLEASE NOTE

SLAVIA V RINGWOOD CITY

State League match on Sunday will be played at Jubilee Park, Ringwood, not at the Melbourne Showgrounds as previously scheduled.

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Rasic-Warren school comes to Melbourne

The Rale Rasic-Johnny Warren soccer school, which has been a smash hit in NSW for about two years, will extend its operations to Victoria next month.

And "Soccer Action" will next week announce a competition in which you can win a free course at one of two camps to be held in Melbourne.

Rasic and Warren have adopted the name Australian Soccer Camps for their junior coaching courses in Victoria and NSW during the May school holidays.

The aim of the camps is to provide expert coaching in techniques and theory.

The secret of the camps' success is that tuition is provided by expert staff of the highest calibre.

Rasic, former national coach, and Warren, former national captain, form the basis of that tuition.

In addition, coaching staff to be used in Melbourne will include:

- **Manny Poulakakis,** coach of South Melbourne Hellas, former coach of Victoria, Hakoah-Easts, Fitzroy Alexander, George Cross, Juventus etc. and former top-class goalkeeper in Europe;
- **Jimmy Armstrong,** former international player now with Juventus and formerly with South Melbourne Hellas and Hakoah St. Kilda;
- **Bobby McLachlan,** coach of Juventus, former coach of Sunshine City, Albion Rovers, Preston Makedonia, former player with APIA, George Cross, Croatia, Box Hill.

All three are school teachers.

Administrative work will be handled in Victoria by **John Barclay,** former team manager of the Socceroos.

Many national league players will make "guest appearances" at the camps in both Melbourne and Sydney.

Venues in Melbourne will be the Frankston City ground and Middle Park and in NSW it will again be the Englefield stadium at Dural.

Dates and venues for the May clinics are as follows:

Englefield (NSW) May 9 - 13 at the Englefield soccer ground.

Frankston (VIC) May 9 - 13 and May 16 - 20.

Middle Park (VIC) May 9 - 13 and May 16 - 20.

Clinics will be run Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. Attendance at each clinic will be limited to 60 participants.

From each of the four Melbourne clinics the most promising junior will be selected, who will then be invited to attend (free at the cost of A.S. Camps) the September Englefield clinic in Sydney which will be a 'live-in' program for advanced techniques.

The cost of the May junior coaching clinic will be $75.

This cost will include:

. 5 days' personal tuition.

. follow-up instructor's notes.

. Australian Soccer Camps T-Shirt.

. Spalding 'Pele' soccer ball.

. certificate of proficiency.

. cut lunch and drinks.

. membership of Australian Soccer Camps.

The May holiday course will be programmed roughly as follows:-

Day 1:

. Ball control (body, leg stops, etc.)

. Kicking types

. Goal shooting.

Lecture on gymnastics, co-ordination, balance, etc.

Day 2:

. Receiving a pass (body, legs, etc.)

. Dead ball techniques (corners, free kicks, etc.)

. Lecture on laws of the game.

Day 3:

. Heading rechniques.

Lecture on treatment of injuries.

Day 4:

. Tackling and dribbling.

Lecture on personal fitness, equipment, care, types, selection, uses.

Day 5:

Combination of all techniques days 1 - 4 in an individual, group and team environment.

Presentation of certificates and best players prizes.

Application forms for the May clinics are available from Australian Soccer Camps, 464 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, 3004. Phone: 26 5550.

Manny Poulakakis (left) and Jim Armstrong — both will teach at the Rale Rasic-Johnny Warren Coaching camps at Middle Park and Frankston.

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Sir Arthur George, (left), president of the Australian Soccer Federation and Mr. Robert Paterson, vice-president, Australasian division, of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, make the draw for the first Coca-Cola Bottlers under 18 Australian championship to be held in Sydney from May 10 to 15.

NATIONAL TITLES FIRST STEP TO WORLD U.19 CUP

The Australian Soccer Federation has announced plans for the preparation and selection of a national under 19 team to represent Australia in the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth tournament in 1979.

ASF president Sir Arthur George, said the world-wide youth programme initiated by the Coca-Cola Company in conjunction with FIFA would stimulate massive interest and support from young players around the world.

The three-part programme is the most progressive step in building Australia's future in the world's most popular sport.

In Australia, an under 18 national competition is to be sponsored by the Australian bottlers of Coca-Cola and known as the Coca-Cola Bottlers national under 18 competition.

This will enable the nucleus of an under-19 national squad to be selected in good time for the international under 19 competition.

State teams are to be brought to a major city location each year for the contest.

This will allow the Australian youth squad selectors to choose the best 50 young players to form the Coca-Cola Bottlers youth training squad.

The Australian youth team will play international matches against visiting youth teams invited through FIFA late this year.

The winner of the FIFA/Coca-Cola first world youth tournament to be played in Tunisia in July will be among those invited to play in Australia.

Other teams from America and New Zealand are to be invited to play in a round robin series against the Australian youth team in September/October.

The third part of the programme will be the preparation of Australia's youth team for the campaign to win the second FIFA/Coca-Cola world youth tournament for the Coca-Cola Cup in 1979.

To be eligible for the Australian under 18 championship, players must be under 18 on January 1 of each year. Similarly, players selected in the national youth team must be under 19 on January 1.

The national youth squad will be selected from eight State and zone teams contesting the under 18 competition each May.

Teams will come from N.S.W., Northern N.S.W., Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and from the A.C.T.

The games for the first championship will be played in Sydney from May 10 to 15 at Wentworth Park and E.S. Marks Field.

The round robin contest will be decided by semi-finals and the final match is to be played at Wentworth Park before a major National League game on Sunday, May 15.

Group A comprises: A.C.T., Western Australia, Victoria, Northern NSW.

Group B comprises: Tasmania, Queensland, NSW and South Australia.

Selectors for the first Coca-Cola Bottlers youth training squad will be **Jim Shoulder,** present coach of the Socceroos squad, **Eric Worthington,** Rothman's national director of coaching and **Ron Smith,** Victorian regional director of coaching.

The national youth coach will be selected after the first tournament in May.

Commenting on the youth programme, **Mr. Robert Paterson,** senior vice-president of the Australasian division of the Coca-Cola export corporation said: "The company's association with soccer and youth on a world basis is the most exciting and farreaching promotional activity yet undertaken by any company in the sponsorship of an international sporting activity.

"About $5¼ million is being allocated on a world basis to assist the developement of youth in the world's most popular game. It seems particularly appropriate that the world's best-known soft drink is behind the programme, and that we as a company can make a contribution to building Australia's young soccer players into an international team second to none."

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This week's games

Weekend matches in Victorian leagues:

STATE LEAGUE

Sunday: Juventus v Hakoah (Olympic Park), Altona v Polonia (Kim Res., Millers Rd, Altona), Frankston v Preston-Makedonia (North Seaford Res., Railway Pde.), Slavia v Ringwood (Show ground, Epsom Rd., Ascot Vale), Green Gully v George Cross (Green Gully Res.), Essendon Lions v Sunshine (Montgomery Park).

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Division One, Saturday: Ardeer v Springvale, Albion Rovers v St. Albans, Western Suburbs v Melbourne, Croydon v Waverley, Keilor City v Keilor-Austria.

Sunday: Dandenong v Box Hill.

Division two, Saturday: Collingwood City v Fitzroy Alexander, Ferntree Gully v Eltham, Richmond v Brighton, Bell Park v Footscray J.U.S.T. Doveton v Moreland, South Melbourne Hellas v Mooroolbark.

Division Three Saturday: Knox City v Broadmeadows, Port Melbourne v Ringwood United, Park Rangers v Moorabbin, Chelsea v Coburg, Essendon City v Heidelberg, Yallourn v Prahran.

Division Four, Saturday: Clayton v Corio, Mornington v University of Melbourne, Doncaster Rovers v Monash University, Sandringham v Morwell Falcons, South Yarra v Caulfield, Ballarat v Rosebud.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Division 1, Saturday: Greensborough v Hamlyn Rangers, Langwarrin v Williamstown, Nunawading City v Hotham United, South Dandenong v Werribee, Central Altona v Fawkner, Geelong v Frankston Pines.

Division 2, Saturday: Bulleen v Sunbury, Hawthorn v Carlton, East Brunswick v Karingal United, North Dandenong v West Melbourne, Burnley v Thomastown, Melton v Keysborough.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

Division One, Sunday: Hampton v Royal Park, Sandown v Nunawading United, Regent v Mordialloc, Postal Institute v Pasco Vale, Gladstone Park v South Oakleigh.

Division Two, Sunday: Mitcham v Yarraville, Monbulk v Rosanna, North Melbourne v Kensington, Wiltona v Boronia, Hawksburn v Carnegie.

Division Three, Sunday: Diamond Creek v Croxton, Noble Park v Berwick City, Stradbroke v Thornbury, Nor Sunshine v Banksia, Ascot United v Clifton Hill.

Division Four, Sunday: Cheltenham v East Carlton, Clarinda v RMIT, Frognall RAAF v Mossfiel Rangers, LaTrobe University v Balaclava, Central Brunswick v Crescent United.

THIRDS COMPETITION

South Division, Sunday: Waverley v Portsea OCS, South Dandenong v Langwarrin, Frankston City v Monash University, Chelsea v Frankston Pines, Moorabbin - Bye.

East Division, Sunday: Clayton v Knox City, Monash University - Bye, Croydon v Doncaster Rovers, Doveton v Sandringham, Caulfield City v Brighton.

West Division, Sunday: Sunbury v Williamstown, Greensborough v Coburg, Eltham v Richmond, Fawkner v Hotham United, Collingwood City v Broadmeadows City.

NORTH EASTERN SOCCER LEAGUE

Sunday: Kyabram v Shepp City, Benalla v Cobram, Tatura v Shepp United, Shepp South v Lemnos

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

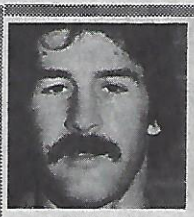
Division Four North, Sunday: A.H.D. v A.G.C.F., ANZ Bank 'B' v A.R. Split, Caulfield Spears v Olympic Tyre, Travellers Melbourne v Repco Cooldrive, K.S.C. United - Bye.

DIVISION FOUR WEST

Sunday: James Miller v C.I.G., Middle Park VRI 'B' v Gascor City, RAAF Point Cook v Parory Florinis, Siemens 'B' v Quaker-Luv, Aquila Steel Bye.

NORTH EASTERN SOCCER LEAGUE

Sunday: Shepp City v Lemnos, Shepp United v Kyabram, Benalla v Tatura, Cobram v Shepp South.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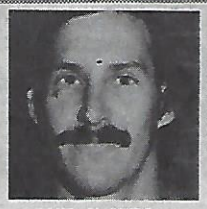
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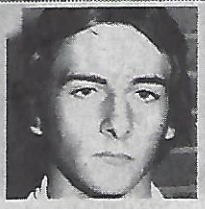
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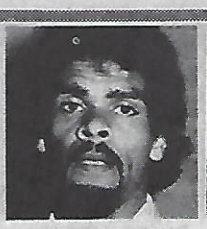
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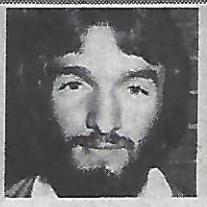
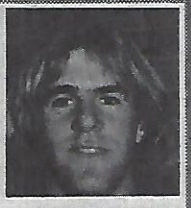
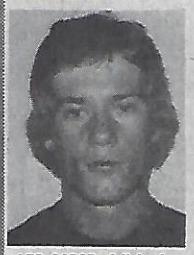

FRED AITKEN, forward

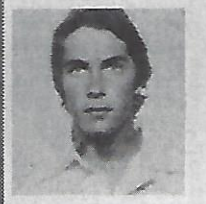

MARK JANKOVICS, forward

Japan triumph high spot in Saints' history of success

Johnny Warren, then captain of St. George, holds aloft the memorable Cup Saints won in Japan in 1971. The obliging shoulders are those of Don Sandell. At left, partly obscured, is Attila Abonyi. At right is Tom Anderson, and to the left of him Manfred Schaefer.

WILLIE HAMILTON, midfield


LES GABOR, full back


ROBERT O'SHEA, defender

St. George Budapest has the distinction of being the only Australian club to have won a major tournament overseas.

The tournament was in Tokyo in 1971, between Japan A and B, St. George and Frem of Denmark.

Saints' results were: v. Japan 'A' 0-0. v Frem, 3-0, v. Japan 'B' 6-0.

Other results on tour were v. Macao 6-1, v. Toyo Kogyo 3-2 and v. Hitachi 2-1.

So successful has St. George been that for many years it formed the basis of the national team, offering up internationals **Johnny Warren** (Australian captain), **Manfred Schaefer, Attila Abonyi, Adrian Alston, Mike Denton, Harry Williams, George Harris, Alan Ainslie, Doug Utjesenovic, Jim Fraser, Don Sandell** etc etc.

Success like that in Tokyo is part of St. George's tradition and it was with the intention of achieving success in the first national league season that Saints recruited top players at the start of the year.

Those players are goalkeeper **Dave McQuire** from APIA, midfielder **Rudolfo Gnavi** from Pan Hellenic and forward **Phil O'Connor from Wollongong City.**

All coach Manfred Schaefer has to do now is blend his many stars into a winning combination. That shouldn't take long because Schaefer is a very determined man.

Just ask the many forwards who played against him during his 49 full international matches for Australia.

Schaefer was born in Germany and came here with his parents in 1954.

He played a record number of 384 games with St. George, a record of 24 games for NSW and when he retired he was Australia's most capped international — a record that he later surrendered to **Peter Wilson.**

Schaefer, who has been with Saints since 1962, is one of only four full-time manager-coaches in the national league. The others are **Rale Rasic** (Marconi), **Les Scheinflug** (Brisbane Lions) and **Mike Laing** (Western Suburbs).

Some of Saints' top players are:

George HARRIS, captain Right back, but he can play any defensive position. A St. George Junior product, age 28. He lives at Kirrawee with his wife **Kay** and his children, **Aaron** and **Peter.** A teacher by Profession, George has played 20 full internationals for Australia and has played six times for N.S.W.

Phil O'CONNOR, 23, single and lives in Mortdale, N.S.W. A transfer fee of$9,000 was paid to Wollongong City for him in January. Phil is on a three-year contract. He was from England where he played for Luton. A very talented forward and winger.

DOUG UTJESENOVIC, defender.

David McQUIRE, St. George claims to have the two best goalkeepers in N.S.W. in David McQuire who was transferred to St. George for $1,500 from Apia and in

Martin COE, who was transferred from Hakoah to St. George for a fee of $3,000. Manfred Schaefer rates him one of the best goalkeepers in Australia on his performance last year.

John O'SHEA, a St. George junior product, John O'Shea is 19 and one of the most talented young players at the present time in Australia. He is a sweeper and midfield player. Has travelled abroad to Germny and England but his main ambition is to play for Australia.

Mark JANKOVICS, born in Australia, Mark is 19 and can play striker or winger. The son of a Hungarian father and an Australian mother, he has also travelled abroad to Germany and England and has one Australian cap. He is a painter by trade.

Harry WILLIAMS, is a St. George junior product. He was born in 1951 and lives at Mortdale. He is a physical education instructor by profession. He has played 14 full internationals for Australia and once for N.S.W. Has been with St. George since 1970, and is married with three children. At present Harry is the number one full back in Australia.

ST GEORGE's most promising juniors are: **Shane STALKER,** 17, goalkeeper or midfield player. **Les GABOR,** 20, full back. **Michael HENNESSY,** 20, winger or midfield player. **Peter TERRY,** 19, stopper or sweeper, **Robert O'SHEA,** 18, utility player. **Tyrone PATERSON,** 18, goalkeeper.

St. George's successes have been:

1958 WON Second Div. Premiership
1960 WON Ampol Cup
1962 WON First Division Premiership, Australia Cup Finalists, Grand Finalists.
1964 WON Federation Cup, Grand Finalists, Premiership Runners-Up.
1966 FEDERATION Cup Finalists.
1967 WON Ampol Cup, Sydney Champions, Grand Finalists and Premiership Runners-up.
1968 AMPOL Cup Finalists
1969 PREMIERSHIP Runners-up, Grand Finalists.
1970 PREMIERSHIP Runners-up, Grand Finalists.
1971 WON Tokyo International Tournament, Grand Final Sydney Champions, 2nd in the Premiership.
1972 WON Sydney Premiership, Ampol Cup, State Cup, Inter-city Ampol Cup.
1973 AMPOL Cup Finalists, 3rd in Premiership.
1974 WON Grand Final, Sydney Champions, Rothmans Cup Finalists, 3rd in Premiership, 3rd in Ampol Cup.
1975 WON Ampol Cup, Grand Final, Sydney Champions, 2nd in Premiership.

Saints' captain George Harris in a dour man-to-man duel.

Carlos Mendez shows off a bit of ball-juggling.

Saints' bearded striker Neville Morgan (right) breaks away from Jim Kondarios of J.U.S.T.

Utility player Brendan Grosse, who has represented Australia.

Camera angle on Vic. State game

Victoria beat South Australia 2-1 at Olympic Park last week and although the match was uninspiring, photographer Sam Belfonte managed to capture a few tense moments.

Goalscorers were Bruce Roberts and David Baker (penalty) for Victoria and John Kosmina for South Australia.

Joe Tront, John Gardiner, Carl Gilder and Bruce Roberts — all Victorians — were the best players of the match.

Victorian substitute Keith Adams (No.12) flies through the air to get his head to the ball ahead of South Australia's No.11 Peter Marwe. Others in the picture are Victorians David Baker (left) and Steve Kokoska and South Australian John Kosmina (right).

Mighty Steve Kokoska, encouraged by Billy Wilkinson behind him, rams a clearance out of defence, paying little mind to poor John Kosmina.

Derek Barron refuses to give up, even when he's flat on his back, as he demonstrates here against John Nyskohus.

Victoria's David Baker gets to the ball ahead of John Nyskohus.

John Kosmina (left) who scored South Australia's only goal, shoots despite pressure from Derek Barron (centre) and David Baker.

South Australia's Socceroo John Kosmina covers his face as Keith Adams launches this clearance for Victoria.

Big Barry Reynolds shields the ball from Victoria's Joe Tront (right).

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So Mendoza took them to court; and the judge ordered Mallorca to pay up immediately. They didn't. So the authorities have seized all the club's assets — including the players!

The whole team will be publicly auctioned to raise the cash owed to Mendoza.

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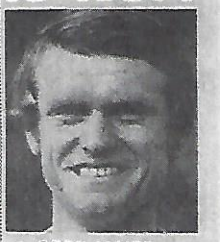


● *SEPP MAIER*

A West German and a Czech magazine have got together to compile the following list of the world's best goalkeepers:

1. **Maier** (W. Germany)
2. **Viktor** (Czechoslovakia).
3. **Tomaszewski** (Poland)
4. **Leao** (Brazil)
5. **Clemence** (England)
6. **Hellstrom** (Sweden)
7. **Zoff** (Italy)
8. **Croy** (E. Germany)
9. **Iribar** (Spain)
10. **Treytel** (Holland).

Cosmos 'farm' in Europe?

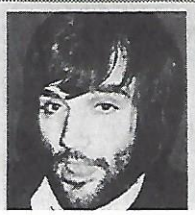
U.S. glamor team New York Cosmos hopes to buy land and operate a team in a West German League as a "farm" to develop young American players.

If it can't be done in West Germany, Cosmos will look to Yugoslavia and Holland.

"It all depends on the rules and regulations of the individual federations as we would want mostly Americans in the team," said Cosmos coach **Gordon Bradley.**

"We couldn't, for instance, take over a club in Italy as their soccer federation wouldn't allow it under those conditions.

"We considered having a 'farm' team in the States but abandoned the idea because the players would get only 20 league games a season. In Europe they could play an awful lot more and against top-notch club op-



Trouble, trouble, trouble - he should have been a preacher

LONDON, Controversial star George Best once thought of becoming a preacher, says his sister Mrs. Carol Allen.

Speaking to the Sunday People newspaper from her Ulster home, Carol, 29, an Evangelist, said that as a lad Georgie went to church and Sunday school and always spoke about becoming a minister.

"In the end he chose soccer, and look what's happened to him — he's always in and out of trouble," she told People.

"His talent has not really been a blessing, more of a curse."

Carol, whose younger twin sister and brother are in the Salvation Army, said that thousands of Ulster people had joined her in praying daily for Georgie.

"I'm sure that one day he will be saved and find the peace and happiness I have," the mother of two told the newspaper.

WATCH THE GULLY GO!

Segi, Hamill, Grady pack power punch

Green Gully Ajax which celebrated its 21st. birthday last year by winning promotion to the State League, aims to build on that success this year.

Having spent about $5000 on buying **Tony Hamill** from Altona, Ajax now also has one of the strongest attacks in the league.

The other forwards are tall and speedy **John Grady** (ex-Keilor City), relentless **Andy Segi** (ex-Melbourne), skilful **Roy Collins** (ex-Sunbury), and former Essendon City striker **Gerry Tribuzzio** who was top scorer in the Third Division last year.

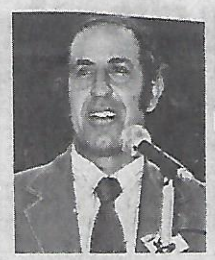
Ajax is also equipped with a new ground and pavilion at Green Gully in St.Albans and the old rooms have been converted into an impressive social club.

Management couldn't be sounder, with **Lew Stafrace,** former State League referee, at the helm as president and **Guy Spiteri** as vice-president.

Joint coaches are **Ian Petherick** and **Jim Balish,** both accomplished and experienced. Petherick played for Slavia as did Balish and they have been the best of friends ever since.

Petherick coached Sunshine City to promotion and last year did the same for Ajax. Balish was coach of Altona City until **Joe Wilson** took over. Wilson, incidentally, is also a former Ajax coach.

Some of the Ajax players are pictured here:



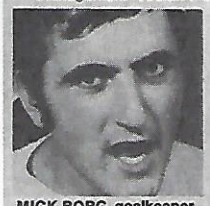
LEW STAFRACE, president

GUY SPITERI, vice-president

IAN PETHERICK, coach

JIM BALISH coach

Green Gully Ajax (white shirts) and Preston Makedonia (dark shirts) line up before the friendly game that marked the opening of the new Green Gully ground at St.Albans.



MICK BORG, goalkeeper, with Ajax since 1971 and before that with Albion Rovers and ICI Deer Park.

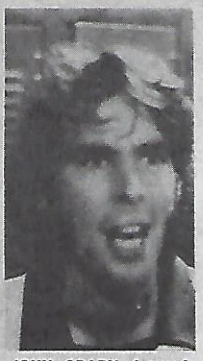
FRANKS BERENS, centre back, came through Ajax's junior ranks, had three years with Albion Rovers before returning to Ajax where he has been best and fairest player three times.

MICK BANAGAN, midfielder, from Sunshine City, was Ajax's top scorer with 18 last year — a total that also made him joint top scorer in the First Division.

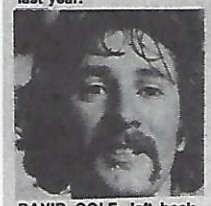
MANNY SPITERI, midfielder, represented Malta Tech schools before arriving in 1970 to join Sunshine juniors. Represented Victoria under 16s and joined Ajax in 1972.

PETER BANAGAN, right back, played junior and senior soccer with Sunshine City before transferring to Ajax early last year.

PETER MARSHALL, centre back, played for J.U.S.T. reserves before switching to Keilor City from which Ajax bought him.



JOHN GRADY, forward, moved through ranks of Keilor City to the senior team. Was State under 12 and under 14 rep, joined the Gully last year.

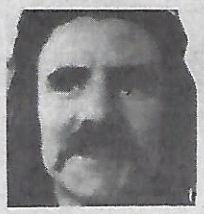


DAVID COLE, left back, Ajax's best and fairest last year in his first season since transferring from Moreland.

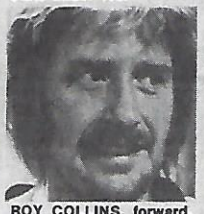
TERRY BANAGAN, midfielder, youngest of the Banagan brothers, came to Ajax from Sunshine early last year.

ANDY SEGI, forward, product of Ajax juniors, had a couple of years in the State League with Melbourne before coming back and also played for State under 16s.

MARIO BORG, centre back, played for B'Kara in Malta before arriving in 1965 to join George Cross. Been with Ajax for seven years.



JOE THOMPSON, midfielder, came from Ireland to join George Cross from where he crossed to the Gully.



ROY COLLINS, forward, played for Southall in England, arrived in 1974 and was player-coach of Sunbury before joining the Gully. Was best and fairest of the First Division last year.

PHIL HOWARD, forward, played for Ajax a few years ago and has returned after a stint back home in England.

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Ladies prepare for Aust. titles

Friday, April 22 at 7.30 will see the first round of the first representative competition for women's soccer teams in Sydney.

The competition is being organised by the N.S.W. Women's Soccer Association and teams participating will be from Kuringai, Manly, Sutherland, Nepean, Eastern Suburbs and St. George Districts.

Two matches will be played on Friday nights and the third match on Sunday mornings.

The main reason for running this competition besides getting the best players together to help select a squad to represent N.S.W. at the Australian Women's Soccer Championships to be held in Perth in August, is to encourage girls to improve their playing standards so that they might become eligible to play in these sides.

N.S.W. is the current Australian champion and hopes to keep its title for 1977.

★★★

The following information has been received by the N.S.W.W.S.A. in a letter from the National Director of Coaching, Eric Worthington:

"Women may attend as candidates on certificate, preliminary and senior award courses providing that they do not take part in direct competition against men in any soccer games or practices which are used as part of the course.

"Where women are accepted as participants in a senior award course, the coaching practice used to assess their coaching skill should be of coaching not less than six women players.

"Where there are not sufficient women participants on the course, special arrangements may be made to include women to act as players during the coaching practice."

NSW WSA secretary Pat O'Connor says this is a great breakthrough for women who would like to learn to coach from the experts and at the same time improve their own skills and knowledge.

"I would be more than a little surprised if there were not in Sydney, at the moment, more than enough women capable of attending the certificate course and I am sure a lot of problems would be avoided if a complete women's course was held instead of a mixed course," she said. "Staff coaches would be provided for this course, so come on, girls, you have been given the go ahead so let us hear from you.

"Even if you failed the course you would still come out with more knowledge of the game than some of your own coaches, who are sometimes well-meaning boyfriends, husbands or fathers who would welcome your help.

"The ball is at your feet, so get along and learn all you can and pass it on. This way you will be playing your part in the improvement of the game for women."

And now, promotion through 11 divisions

Saturday ushers in the most important season in the short history of the Victorian Provisional League.

By LES SHORROCK

As a result of the sweeping changes brought about last year in the composition and status of the affiliated Leagues, Provisional and District League clubs now have automatic promotion and relegation as a right and not as a privilege.

At the end of the season the two top clubs in Division One of the Provisional League will be promoted to the Metro Fourth Division, taking the places of the Metro's two bottom clubs.

Likewise, the two top teams in Div. Two will be promoted, as will the two top teams in District League Division One, to replace the Provisional League's bottom two.

This process will go right through the four Divisions of the District League, which means that for the first time since Federation, the V.S.F. has automatic promotion and relegation through no less than 11 divisions, affecting 132 clubs.

No other code of football, or indeed any other sport, has such a degree of club mobility in Australia.

Considering that relegation from the Metro League means loss of Federation membership (and therefore voting rights), the 60 member clubs are to be commended for adopting the proposals of the Board.

The move was long overdue, for last year, when I served as chairman of the District League, we started the season with 57 clubs in five different Divisions, and since there had been no changes at all in the League's structure, except geographical reshuffles, some clubs were becoming heartily sick of playing the same opponents year after year without any prospect of progress.

The same held true of the Provisional League of course, and the top clubs in that League were growing cynical about their prospects of entering the Federation through the bottom of the Fourth Division, and were also finding it increasingly difficult to keep their players.

So the Board sat down and came up with this practical and sensible plan, which involved promoting 12 District League clubs into a Second Division of the Provisional League and regrouping the remaining 50 District League clubs into four Divisions.

To allow the scheme breathing space, it was decided not to accept any new clubs into the District League for this season, as they will be eligible anyway to enter the District League at the end of the competition, in place of the bottom two.

So, considering the formation of the national League, and the complete re-organisation of the local scene that it brought in its train, who can say what soccer is not progressing along sensible lines?

Certainly you won't hear that grumble from the members of the Provisional League, for this year the League has its own management committee, of which I have the honour to be chairman, and I confidently look forward to members of this committee becoming the V.S.F's administrators of the future as their clubs progress up the promotion ladder.

Every affiliated club in Victoria can now hope to emulate Mooroolbark, the club that progressed from friendlies to the National League in 15 years.

The Provisional League this year has two new members, Greensborough and Williamstown, which have taken the places of Morwell Falcons (promoted) and Carlton (relegated).

They oppose each other at Williamstown on Saturday and ground advantage might be the decisive factor.

Two of the strongest teams in the League are Fawkner and Geelong and they meet on Saturday at Fawkner.

Neither side will want to drop, for at the end of last season only two points separated the top four clubs and an early setback could be fatal.

Fourth-placed last year, Frankston Pines, now coached by **Johnny Anderson** should get the points against South Dandenong, although it had better be cautious, taking into consideration South Dandy's Cumberland Cup form.

Werribee finished last season well, and on that form should account for Nunawading.

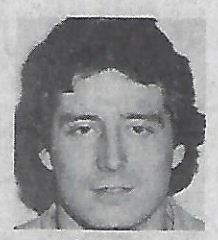
Hotham United too, with ground advantage, should overcome Langwarrin, and in the remaining fixture, ground advantage should prove decisive for Hamlyn Rangers against Central Altona.

Don't forget to tune in to Radio 3EA for the results at 6 p.m. on Saturday night.

Saturday's matces with likely winners in capitals.

FAWKNER v Geelong, FRANKSTON PINES v South Dandenong, WERRIBEE v Nunawading, HOTHAM UNITED v Langwarrin, WILLIAMSTOWN v Greensborough, HAMLYN RANGERS v Central Altona.

Keith Adams



Chris Kent

Adams, Kent to move

Ringwood City's State full back Keith Adams, 20, is looking for a transfer.

And his Ringwood team mate **Chris Kent** is also expected to seek a move.

What's more, goalscorer **Mike Lynn** has already switched to Croydon.

Adams made his announcement after Ringwood's shock 2-0 victory over South Melbourne Hellas in a practice match last week.

Adams, who was on the books of Sunderland in England, said he was eager to listen to offers.

He can be contacted during working hours on 870 2602.

Ringwood, meanwhile, is expecting five new players from the U.K.

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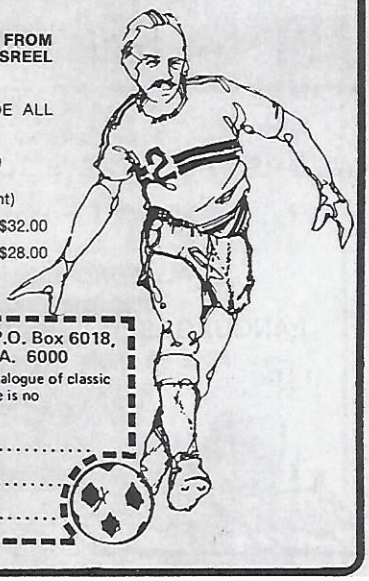

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Dva velika nogometna suparnika kao sto su J.U.S.T. i Hellas, najbolje igraju u medjusobnim susretima. Svaka njihova utakmica se obavezno igra pred punim stadionom. Pored velikog rivalistva, nikad nije bilo incidentata. Tako je bilo i prosle nedelje pred 9000 gledalaca na Olimpik Parku. Videli smo dobru i uzbudljivu igru, dva razlicita poluvremena.

Prvo poluvreme je potpuno pripalo "plavima". Desno krilo Joe Palinkas je imao svoj dan. Revansirao se za slabu igru u Sidneju. U 10. minutu je poslao prvu "bombu" sa 30 metara, koju je golman Reilly jedva ukrotio. Medjutim, u 19. minutu udarac Palinkasev je bio suvise jak i precizan za odlicnog Reilly-a. JUST je poveo sa 1:0, ali nije sustano. U 24. minutu sumnjiv prekrsaj u kaznenom prostoru Helasa, ali JUST nije nikad imao naklonost sudija, pa ni ovog puta.

U prvom poluvremenu je Reilly spasao Helasa od katastrofe. Odbranio je nekoliko opasnih udaraca, narocito su opasni bili sutevi Kazlja u 34. i Picioanija u 42. minutu.

Posle odmora se naglo menja odnos snaga, jer JUST bez razloga igra defenzivno. U 54. minutu Hellas je izjednacio i nastavio sa pritiskom. Onda kad se najmanje ocekivalo, JUST je poveo sa 2:1. U 66. minutu Palinkasev centar-sut Kazi je neodbranjivo sproveo glavom u mrezu.

U 83. minutu Helas je po drugi put izjednacio. Bio je to oportunisticki gol, posle centar-sta koji je izborio pored autlinije Olerton.

Hellas je izveo ukupno 9 kornera (sedam u drugom poluvremenu), a J.U.S.T. sedam. Sudija je dosudio 11 slobodnih udaraca za JUST, a 10 za Hellas.

Zadjih 15 minuta igrao je u "plavom" dresu novi navalni igrac Charlie Smith. Kada se uigra sa ostalim igracima, bice od velike koristi svom novom klubu.

IDUCE NEDELJE U BOX HILL-U

Famozna "tepsija" u Box Hillu se uvukla preko Mooloorbarka u Nacionalnu Ligu. Na ovome igralistu, koje nikad nije prijalo "plavima" sastace se u nedelju Mooroolbark i JUST. Disli ili ne dosli igraci iz Jugoslavije, trener Cirkovic moze da sastavi dovoljno jak tim za neugodnog protivnika kao sto je Mooroolbark.

MNOGO TEZE NEGO STO SE MISLILO

Essendonu i Makedoniji ce biti mnogo teze u Drzavnoj ligi nego sto se mislilo. Pobeda George Crossa od 1:0, definitivno je zasluzena boljom igrom.

Makedonija je morala da se zadovolji podelom bodova sa Altonom, iako je ovaj klub bio najslabiji u Ampol Kupu. Bivsi JUST-ov junio Boris Gelevski je odmah stavljen u prvi tim, ali trebace dosta vremena da se snadje u novoj sredini. Uspece ako ukroti svoj temperamenat.

TRI UTAKMICE BEZ GOLOVA

Drugi tim JUST-a je igrao prvu prvenstvenu utakmicu u drugoj diviziji protiv Richmonda na svom igralistu. Iako su igrali tehnicki bolje, morali su da se zadovolje sa neresenim rezultatom. Uzaludu su bile izvedene uspesne akcije, kada nije bilo suteva na gol.

Sastav JUST-a: Stefanides, Karic, Mikulcic, Acevski, Cankovic, Stojcevski (T. Petreski), C. Taleski, Grbac, Verde (Belic), P. Petreski i Tomic. Krajnji rezultat JUST — Richmond 0:0.

Rezerva je tadodje igrala neresenо 1:1. Vrlo lep gol je postigao Lube Talevski. Sastav JUST-a: Pepdjonovic, Dimcevski, Spasevski, Dimoski, Benedos, Talevski, Kovac, Belic, Zuljevic, Kotevski, Atanasovski. Res.: Crino, Vanevski, Stoceski.

U provizionalnoj ligi INTER je na svom igralistu igrao 0:0 sa Greensborough. "Beli" su bili daleko bolji, jer je jedna polovina igralista bila "za izdavanje", ali sta vredi kada je navala potpuno zatajila. Franjo Drozdek je bio najbolji igrac Intera, koji je izveo sledeci sastav: Karafili, J. Dovic, Najdek, Milosavljevic, Beker, Drozdek, Macanovic (Ivanovic od 80 m.), Harusin, Pantic, Cetinic, Bartol.

Druga provizionalna liga: Carlton/Serbia — Bulleen 0:0. Igralo se ostro, na coveka mesto na loptu, sto nije odgovaralo Carltonu, koji je morao da nastupi bez Stojilovica zbog sporne registracije.

Sastav Carltona: Pvakov, Krnic, Nikolic, Djordjevic, Dodig, Ceranic, Bjelogrlic, Samanovic, Janovski, Velickovic, Veljovic. Najbolji igraci za Carlton: Pavkov, Djordjevic, Velickovic i Krnic. Prvu pobedu za dve godine postigla je rezerva Carlton'Serbije. Savladala je Bulleen sa 3:0. Strelci: Didig, Trijic i Voja Nikolic.

INDUSTRI

U nedelju pre podne su ljubitelji nogometa uzivali u igri veterana Taraxa i Pegazusa. Bio je to tipican jugoslovenski nogomet, koji se zavrsio pobedom Pegazusa sa 1:0. I ovoga puta je Taraxa udesio Stjepan Fus u 15. minutu, kada je aviadao odlicnog Kazija. Imao je i Tarax sansu, ali je Rusmir sa dva metra promasio prazan gol, zasto ga je ukorio njegov sestogodisnji sincic Sava. Pegazus je bio bolji tim u prvom poluvremenu, dok je Tarax bio nadmocniji u drugom.

Navala je Taraxova Ahilova peta. Pre utakmice je JAT razdelio torbe svim igracima Taraxa, koji su se zadovoljstvom primili poklon, ali bi se jos vise radovali jednom realizatoru. Trenutno nema ko da postize golove.

Sastav Taraxa: Kazi 7, Fekete 6, R. Klisinger 6, Rankovic 6, Milanovic 7, Brkic 7, M. Slisinger 7, Adamovic 7, Rusmir 7, Mladenovic 7, Kostromin 7.

Sastav Prgazusa: Kurjak 7, Sabljak 7, A. Placko 7, R. Petelnik 7, J. Mori 7, Ovcar 7, Stanovic 7, Fus 7, M. Placko 7, Skorupski 8, Pavlovic 6.

POBEDA I PORAZ JUNIORA PLAVIH

Juniori JUST-a ispod 13 godina zabelezili su jos jednu pobedu bez primljenog gola. Savladali su Keilor City sa 2:0. Strelci: Rajko Trkulja i Bil Skubevski. Najbolji igraci: Argo Redzep, Stojce Dimoski, Josip Rak, Jorgo Gagic i Dragan Trkulja.

Ispod 15 godina: Waverley — J.U.S.T. 4:0. Plavi su dobro igrali, ali nisu mogli da zadrze vece decake. Istakli su se Robert Glavan, Oscar Crino i Sadri Pepdjonovic.

HAJDUK I BUDUCNOST FINALISTI

U finale Jugo-Kupa koje se igraju 25. maja plasirali su se Hajduk i Buducnost. Hajduk je pobedio Novi Sad sa 2:0 u polufinalu, dok su Radnicki i Buducnost igrali u Nisu 1:1. Posto ni produzetak od pola sata nije doneo promenu rezultata, izvedeni su jedanaesterci. Buducnost je imala

Austria goes to the top

Austria beat Turkey 1-0 in a European Group Three World Cup qualifying match. Half-time: 1-0. Scorer: Schachner. Attendance: 70,000.

Group Three standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Austria	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Turkey	3	1	1	1	5	2	3
East Germany	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Malta	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

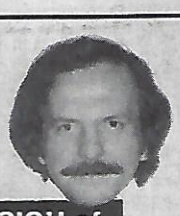
Romania beat Spain 1-0 (half-time 1-0) in a European Group Eight World Cup qualifying match.

Scorer — Zamfir.

Standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Romania	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Spain	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Yugoslavia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

WHY I WON'T PLAY AGAIN



PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΚΑΤΗΓΟΡΙΑ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΟΣ ΚΑΛΗ ΑΡΧΗ

Μιά ματιά στὸ πρόσωπο τοῦ μάνατζερ τῆς ἐθνικῆς κατηγορίας Τζών Φράνκ ἦταν ἀρκετή γιά νά μπορέση κανείς νά διακρίνη τήν ἱκανοποίησή του γιά τόν ἀριθμό φιλάθλων τήν περασμένη Κυριακή στὸ 'Ολύμπικ Πάρκ.

Πάνω ἀπὸ 8.500 φίλαθλοι παρακολούθησαν τόν ἀγώνα 'Ελλάς — Τζάστ καί τήν προηγούμενη Κυριακή, στὸ 'Ελληνικό ντέρμπυ εἶχαν φθάσει τίς 10.000.

Δύο ἀριθμοί πού σπάνια ἔβλεπε κανείς σὲ ἀγώνες τοῦ Στέπτ Λήγκ κατά τά τελευταῖα δύο χρόνια.

Καί δέν εἶναι μόνον πού ἔχει νά ἐπιδείξη μεγάλους ἀριθμούς. Μέ πέντε καί ἕξη χιλιάδες ἄρχισαν καί στίς ἄλλες πολιτεῖες, ἀριθμοί ἀρκετά ἱκανοποιητικοί ἄν καί ἀκόμη βρισκόμαστε στὴν ἀρχή τοῦ πρωταθλήματος.

Φυσικά ὁ παράγοντας γήπεδο, παίζει σπουδαῖο ρόλο στὸν ἀριθμὸ φιλάθλων. Τό 'Ολύμπικ Πάρκ καί τό Μίντλ Πάρκ —μιλώντας μόνον γιά τήν Μελβούρνη — εἶναι σχεδόν στὸ κέντρο τῆς πόλεως καί κοντά σὲ συνοικίες πού θά τίς χαρακτήριζε κανείς, ποδοσφαιρικές, ὅπως τὸ Ρίτσμοντ, Φίτζροϋ, Σάουθ Μέλμπουρν, ἀκόμη καί τὸ Φούτσκραϋ.

Φυσικά αὐτὲς οἱ συνοικίες κατοικοῦνται σὲ μεγάλο βαθμό ἀπό μετανάστες οἱ ὁποῖοι γιά τήν ὥρα εἶναι οἱ περισσότεροι πού γεμίζουν τά γήπεδα παρά τίς ποσοστάθειες τῶν ὑπευθύνων τῆς ἐθνικῆς κατηγορίας νά προσελκύσουν τούς Αὐστραλούς.

Αὐτοί οἱ ἀριθμοί τῶν φιλάθλων θά ἱκανοποιοῦσαν ἀκόμη καί τούς πιό ἀπαιτητικούς ἄν λάβουν ὑπ' ὄψιν ὅτι πρόκειται γιά μιά νέα περίοδο, κάτι καινούργιο γιά τούς φιλάθλους.

Αὐτό τό καινούργιο πού προσφέρει ἡ ἐθνική κατηγορία εἶναι τό ἐνδιαφέρον πού ἔχει τό πρῶτο τῆς πρωτάθλημα.

Οἱ ἀγῶνες μὲ νέες γιά τούς φιλάθλους ὁμάδες, νέους παίκτες, ἀκόμη καί οἱ νέες φανέλες τῶν παικτῶν ἔχουν κεντρίσει τὸ ἐνδιαφέρον τους.

Κάποιος σ' ἕνα ἀγῶ να πρωταθλήματος «Στέπτ Λήγκ» εἶπε ὅ τι ξέρει ἀκόμη καί τούς συγγενεῖς τοῦ ἀντιπάλου του. 'Ο παλαιὸς ἄσσος τῆς 'Ελλάς Ἔρνυ Ἄκερλυ, μοῦ εἶπε πέρυσι. «Ἦταν καιρὸς. Οἱ ἀντίπαλοι παίκτες τῆς Μελβούρνης ἔχουν γίνει οἰκογενειακοί φίλοι μεταξύ τους» ἐνώ νοῶντας ὅτι γι' αὐτούς δέν ὑπῆρχε τίποτε τό καινούργιο.

Αὐτή λοιπόν ἡ ἀλλαγή εἶναι ἡ ἀρχή τῆς ἐπιτυχίας, μιά ἀλλαγή πού δέχτηκαν μὲ ἀνακούφιση οἱ φίλαθλοι καί ἄρχισαν σιγά - σιγά νά γεμίζουν τά γήπεδα.

'Αριθμητικῶς καί οἱ κονομικῶς λοιπόν γιά ἀρχή πᾶμε καλά. Οἱ φίλαθλοι ἔδειξαν ὅτι τούς ἐνδιαφέρει τό ἐθνικό πρωτάθλημα. 'Απὸ δῶ καί πέρα ἐξαρτᾶται ἀπό αὐτούς πού ἀποτελοῦν τὸ ποδόσφαιρο ὄχι μόνο νὰ κρατήσουν τὸ ἐνδαφέρον αὐτῶν πού ἤδη ἔρχονται στὰ γήπεδα ἀμείωτο, ἀλλὰ νὰ προσελκύσουν καί ἄλλους.

Αὐτὸ ὅμως δὲν γίνεται μὲ τὴν ἀλλαγὴ τῶν ὀνομάτων τῶν ὁμάδων ἀπὸ ἐθνικὰ —ὅπως τὰ ὀνομάζουν — σὲ Αὐστραλέζικα, οὔτε μὲ τὸν παραγωνισμὸ ὁμάδων ποὺ σὲ κάθε ἀγῶνα τους συγκεντρώνουν τρεῖς χιλιάδες κόσμο, μὲ τὴ δικαιολογία ὅτι δὲν πρόλαβαν νὰ κάνουν αἴτηση!

Οἱ φίλαθλοι θὰ ἔλθουν καὶ τὴν ἐπομένη Κυριακὴ στὸ μάτς μόνο ὅταν οἱ ὁμάδες τοὺς προσφέρουν ποιότητα καὶ γκόλ! Εἴτε θέλουμε νὰ τὸ δεχθοῦμε, εἴτε ὄχι τὸ ποδόσφαιρο σήμερα εἶναι «Σώου Μπίσνες» ποὺ προσφέρει θέαμα. Καὶ ὅσο καιρὸ τὸ θέαμα ποὺ θὰ προσφέρη ἡ 'Εθνικὴ κατηγορία ἀρέσει οἱ φίλαθλοι θὰ γεμίζουν τὰ γήπεδα!

Καὶ ἴσως τότε νὰ μὴ χρειάζετα νὰ γίνωνται οἱ παίκτες κινούμενες διαφημίσεις προϊόντων!

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Why don't you play again?

That question has been put to me at least a thousand times since my arrival in Canberra four months ago.

It has been put to me even more regularly since our opening games in the national league.

After good opening trial games against Marconi (1-1) and JUST (2-0) we looked as though we would have the basis of a side that, with the addition of three more players, would make all teams fight for their two points and would not be humiliated.

However, since then we have struck some severe setbacks with the loss os four players.

The **Johnny Davies** case is well known, as is that of former Admira Austria defender **Steve Kojsza.**

Then **Grujicic** and **John Stoddart** were sent off and we lost them for a week.

And while we eagerly await the arrival of **Eddie Loyden** and **Roy Stark** and allow our three Argentinians to settle in (South American players notoriously take longer than British players to settle in Australia and its "physical" football) it is no secret that we are desperately short of first team players.

In fact, three 16-year-olds played against Brisbane Lions and four 16-year-olds are currently in our top 14 players.

Johnny Warren in his playing days.

Tony Henderson — Canberra needs more like him

As far as a comeback the answer has, and always will be, an emphatic "no."

I had everything the game has to offer in Australia as a player and more importantly I was able to stop on my own terms (after winning the 1974 championship with St. George) and not when someone told me I was finished.

This is important to all players and I am no exception although like all players, I always wish I could get out there and play again.

Apart from this, I believe Canberra City has signed some useful players, especially **Brian Stoddart, Tony Henderson** and **John Brown** not to mention **Ivan Grujicic.**

Canberra City, as everyone knows, is starting from scratch, without players to start with and without finance ($30,000 to get 26 players, pay their air fares, signing on and transfer fees).

But I believe it will take them three years to catch up with the rest of the more established and influential clubs.

With their enthusiastic board, which has performed miracles to get a team on to the field, within the five months since the idea first was discussed, I believe Canberra City will eventually make it.

To do so we need time, patience, understanding and support from our fellow PSL clubs and more importantly, the people of Canberra.

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Whilst it may take Canberra some time to catch up in other aspects of the game, it showed the way with its tribute to former Socceroo star **Ray Baartz** who was our special guest, along with his wife **Sue,** at our first game against West Adelaide Hellas.

Ray and Sue were wined and dined and given a fitting VIP treatment during their stay in the capital.

A beautifully inscribed silver tray was presented to the former Australian great at half time of the main match.

The inscription, "In recognition of tremendous service to Australian soccer — from the people of Canberra" was a small token of appreciation to the former national team star.

WARREN

Former national captain John Warren

Ray Baartz

Let's stop this childishness

STEPHEN KALUS

I still can't understand why the four Victorian members of the national league refused to co-operate with Victorian coach RON SMITH for the interstate game between South Australia and Victoria.

The South Australian NSL clubs had a different view and allowed chosen players to represent South Australia.

We were told on many occasions at functions and meetings before the national league was formed that the new body would closely co-operate with the States.

A leading member of the VSF approached by **"Soccer Action"** described the NSL clubs' boycotts of the State team as childish and foolish.

Another matter concerning the national league is the appointment of local referees.

It proved to be wrong in several games and some of the clubs are bitterly disappointed. The refereeing of the Sydney game Hakoah-JUST was loudly criticised and it will be much healthier to avoid home town referees as much as possible.

The recruiting system and player transfers is another problem which should be carefully studied by all concerned to avoid bitterness between the Sates and national league clubs.

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George Wallace, the VSF secretary, claims I was far from the truth when publishing figures of the opening round of the State competition which

The administration by 6 people at the VSF is handling no less than 615 games in 26 leagues involving more than 8000 players each weekend.

No wonder that a scribe short of news finds it hard to contact George, as his phone is constantly engaged.

Polonia-Maribyrnong hopes it has found the right replacement for Eddy Marmur who will be missing from the opening round of Rothman's championship.

After months of negotiation, the Polish club has succeeded in signing Juergen Woite from Keilor City. Polonia is also expecting three players from Poland and with **Tom Koter** in full training, Polonia's prospects in the Rothans competition look bright.

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Another branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association has been formed.

This time it's in South Australia and the man responsible for organising the soccer writers is **Mr G. Linarello** from **"La Fiamma".**

The following writers apart from Mr Linarello are in the **ASPA:** T. McKain, S. Phelan, M. Toutsidis, F. Pangallo, V. Migiaccio, A. Crisp, V. Benci, J. Srivanich, A. Giordano, J. Pappas.

Essendon-Lions held an extraordinary meeting last Monday and Mr Josef Sigur was elected president.

Joe Solic is the new secretary of the club.

Juergen Woite

Eddy Marmur

with a couple of companies for sponsorship.

The management was pleased to sign a promising goalkeeper, 17-year-old **Danny Lacok** from Keilor City.

King-hit gave Eddy amnesia

Keilor City striker Eddy de Gabriele, pictured, is taking it easy after suffering not a soccer injury, but a boxing injury during a recent "friendly" match against Sunbury.

Eddy was knocked out by a hefty punch to the head. He was unconscious for about three minutes and when he woke up he had no memory of the previous two days.

The amnesia persisted until the following morning.

The match between Keilor City and Sunbury was abondoned when de Gabriele was KO'd.

The score was 2-2 at the time, with about 10 minutes left to play.

Richard Kinkel and **Nick Kolevski** had scored for Keilor and **Ian Reid** (penalty) and **Mick Gilligan** for Sunbury.

Keilor laid charges at the police station after the incident.

Meanwhile, Keilor has signed **Ian Leaves** and **Russell Pasicznyi** from Essendon Lions, in exchange for goalkeeper **Danny Lacok.**

Keilor has cleared **Juergen Woite** to Polonia and is trying to get a clearance from Melbourne for **Joe Vonja.**

POLAND DOWNED BY HUNGARY

Budapest — Hungary beat Poland 2-1 (half-time 1-0) in their friendly international match here.
Scorers — Hungary: Nyilasi (38th and 76th minutes)
Poland: Nawalka (48th)
Attendance: 20,000

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SECRETARY: Carmini Picarello Ph. 337 0241
GROUND: Olympic Sports Field Kensington
COACH: Edmund Kreft
COLOURS: Black/white.

This week's match: V ST GEORGE B.S.C. at Sydney Sports Ground, on Saturday 3 pm (TV Match).

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PSL home ground: Perry Park (Queensland soccer headquarters).
First Division ground: Spencer Park, Newberry St., Newmarket.
Secretary: Guido Canale, 52 4711.
Coach: Iain Kesson

This week's match: V SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Middle Park Melbourne on Saturday 3 pm (TV Match). *SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS*

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1st Div. Coach	Gulia Vincze.
Teams	PSL Brisbane Lions, Ground Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne. Phone 52 5328.
1st Div. Team	Name. Richlands Windmills.
Ground	The Lions Stadium, Pine Rd., Richland. Phone 372 2989.
Colours	All orange with blue stripe
Junior teams	20. From under 7 to under 16.

This week's match: V SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Perry Park (Brisbane), on Sunday, 3 pm.

CANBERRA CITY

Secretary	Hal Lesley 81 1313
Coach	Johnny Warren 88 7886
Ground	Manuka Oval, Manuka
Teams	PSL seniors and reserves in ACT First Division

Reserve coach: Vic Fernandez
Reserve ground: Narrabundah Oval

Colors	Yellow with blue trim.
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This week's match: V WESTERN SUBURBS at Manuka Oval Canberra on Saturday 3 pm.

FITZROY ALEXANDER

President: Jim Mangopoulos 419 2077.
Secretary: Sam Karinciliopoulos, 41 3177
Coach: Jim Adam 579 3942
Teams: PSL Seniors, Metro League Second Division team, juniors under 11 to under 17.
PSL ground: Olympic Park Sundays and Middle Park Saturdays.
Second Division ground: Fitzroy Cricket Ground.
Second Div coach: C. Giorgousis.
Colors: Black and gold.

This week's match: V WEST ADELAIDE at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide), on Sunday 3 pm.

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Ground; Middle Park on Saturdays, Olympic Park on Sundays.
Second Division ground Schintler Reserve, Footscray.

This week's match: V MOOROOLBARK UNITED at Wembley Park, on Sunday, 3pm.

HAKOAH EASTERN SUBURBS

61 HALL ST., BONDI

Team manager	D. MacLaren
Secretary	Alan Rose. Phone 211 1028
Coach	Gerry Chaldi
Assistant	J. Lissing
Ground	Wentworth Park.
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This week's match: V MARCONI at Wentworth Park on Sunday 3 pm.

MARCONI

Sponsored by	Rosso Antico
Manager-coach:	Rale Rasic, Marconi club, 604 5222
Junior sec.:	Mick Daniel, 604 5222.
Ground	Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.
Teams	PSL seniors, two under 19s, under 12, under 13, under 14, under 15, under 16.

This week's match: V HAKOAH EASTERN SUBURBS at Wentworth Park on Sunday 3 pm.

MOOROOLBARK UNITED

Secretary-manager: Malcolm Jones, P.O. Box 35 Mooroolbark, phone 879 3916 (bus.)
Junior secretary: Bill Laven, 104 Penbrook Rd., Mooroolbark, phone 726 2482.
Teams: PSL seniors, Second Division seniors, Second Division reserves, 16 junior teams from under 8 to under 16.
PSL home ground: Middle Park for Saturday TV games, Wembley Park, Canterbury Road, Box Hill, Sundays.
Second Div ground: Esther Park, Esther Cres., Mooroolbark.

This week's match: V FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. at Wembley Park on Sunday 3 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS

Secretary	Mick Sagalkos. Phone 53 6196 A.H. (Day 211 1247)
Coach	Manny Poulakakis
Teams	PSL Seniors and Reserves in 2nd Division.
Second Div. coach:	C. Xanthopoulos, T. Mantarakis.
Colours	Blue, White.
Junior Teams	Under 11 to Under 17.
Ground:	Middle Park.

This week's match: V BRISBANE CITY at Middle Park, on Saturday 3 pm (TV Match).

All girls who wish to enter Miss Hellas Quest contact Secretary on above number.

ST. GEORGE B.S.C.

Club: 84 Victoria Ave., Mortdale

Soccer president Alex Pongrass, 666 9229
Secretary: Les Bordacs, 269 2756
Coach: Manfred Schaefer, 579 6977
Ground: Sydney Sports Ground
Colors: white, red and green.

This week's match: V ADELAIDE CITY at Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday 3 pm (TV Match).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC S.F.C.

President	M. Kontos. Phone 51 0444 ext. 8261.
General manager:	John Thompson, 982 1728
Secretary	N. Smilos Phone 88 1337
Coach	B. Stowell
Ground	Wentworth Park
Colours	Blue and White
Teams	PSL and 2 reserve teams .
Reserves coach:	A. Antoniadis
Sponsored by	Olympic Airway and City Ford.

This week's match: V BRISBANE LIONS at Perry Park (Briebane) on Sunday, 3 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS

Correspondence to:	Box 1130 GPO Adelaide, 5001
President	Dr Arthur Zalkos
Coach	Mike Johnson
Home ground	Hindmarsh Stadium, Hindmarsh.
Senior secretary:	E. Koutelas, 51 4307
Junior secretary:	M. Papazoglou, 43 7736

This week's match: V FITZROY ALEXANDER at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide), on Sunday 3 pm.

Don't miss Hellas' Anzac Day Dance at Salano Restaurant, Gouger St., Adelaide, on April 24.
And there's another dance on June 25 at Olympic Hall, Franklin Street, Adelaide.

WESTERN SUBURBS

William St., Five Dock Ph. 838672

Manager-coach: Mike Laing, 83-8672
Junior secretary: Laurie Grimes, 831 2660
PSL ground: Sydney Sports Ground
Teams PSL seniors, juniors from under 11s to under 16s.

This week's match: V CANBERRA CITY at Manuka Oval Canberra on Saturday 3 pm.